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MORNING.

O BLESSED Lord God, the Father, from whom all things proceed. Thou hast created us, and we are the work of Thy hands; Thou hast preserved us, and Thy mercy slumbers not. Look upon us, and help us, for we cannot help ourselves, and we would acknowledge Thee as our God and Father. And, O blessed Jesus, Son of the living God, very God, we ask Thee to intercede for us; we seek Thee to plead on our behalf, and to give us such a sense of Thine atoning love, such a firm trust in Thine all-sufficiency, that we may never for one moment doubt its efficacy on our behalf, nor, under any circumstance, fail to come unto Thee to receive its benefits and blessings. And Thou Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, God, one with the Father and the Son, dwell in us; purify our hearts from sin; blot out in us all uncleanness; keep us in all our goings, lest iniquity be our ruin. We look to Thee to guide us into all truth; oh, be merciful unto us, and implant the love of it in our hearts, that we may walk by Thee in the land of the living, and may give evidence before a naughty world, that Thou hast not striven with us in vain. And, O blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons, and one God, we adore Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We worship Thee as our very God; we call upon Thee, as the only true God; and we would proclaim Thee as Jehovah, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, our only hope in time and for eternity. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thy Sabbath is drawing to a close, we have been permitted to worship Thee, the Triune Jehovah, in Thine own way, and in Thine own house; we have heard Thy word, and listened to Thine ambassador, who hast spoken to us in Thy name, and we have had repeated inducements to come nigher unto Thee than we have hitherto done. But, O Lord, we must confess that we have not received Thy merciful invitations as Thy sons and daughters; we have refused to know and acknowledge Thee as a Father, for we have not given to Thee our hearts. Even now, ere the echo of Thy church's ministrations has died upon our ears, we have turned to the world in thought, and delighted to dwell in spirit on worldly things; we have sought communion with worldly objects, and thus done despite to the Spirit who has this day striven for us. Pardon our iniquity, good Lord; let it not be a record against us in Thy book, that this day we fell short of doing the things we ought to have done, and did the things we ought not to have done; but, though there is no health in us to amend and turn to Thee, yet Thy grace is sufficient for us, with Thee all things are possible. Blot out then, we beseech Thee, our sins of omission and commission, of wandering thoughts and evil imaginings; turn us from the evil of our ways and be merciful unto us, that we die not. And, in Thy love and compassion hear us, and receive our poor offerings and heartfelt contrition, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, almighty, very God, who orderest all things according to Thy good will and pleasure, and metest out Thy mercies and judgments to the sons of men, as seemeth best in Thy godly wisdom, we beseech Thee to instil into our hearts such a love of Thee, that we, walking as obedient children, may receive all things as from Thee, be they good or evil. Let not our eyes, O Lord, be fixed only on the thing Thou doest, but let us try and examine ourselves and see if it be not intended to work in us some great and holy work. When sorrow comes, then give us grace to flee to Thee in prayer, that we may know why Thy chastening rod is upon us, and why Thou seest fit to scourge us; then open our eyes to behold ourselves, and to examine our own selves whether we be in the faith, that we may be better able to serve and worship Thee as we ought. And, when joy beams, and pleasures meet us, then also lead us to Thyself with not less fervent prayer, that our feet be not drawn away; that we wander not from the paths in which Thy mercy has placed us; but that we the more closely cleave to Thee as our only sure confidence now and ever. Yea, Lord, in every trial, be Thou our rod and staff; in every hour our stay and comfort. Lead us by day, and guard us by night; keep us in our goings out and comings in, and make us faithful, and obedient, and loving, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour, and our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, we seek Thy favor and protection once more, and once more use the opportunity, so graciously vouchsafed to us, of addressing Thee in prayer. Let Thine ear be attent, and Thy Spirit accompany us, and give an answer, for Thy dear Son's sake. Behold us with a compassionate eye, O Lord, for we cannot stand before Thee; we are not fit to come into Thy presence, yet we know that Thou lovest to hear prayer, and hast given us assurance in Thy word; yea, Thou hast given us encouragements innumerable to speak to Thee in confidence, to intreat with Thee in patient abiding, and to wrestle with Thee until our prayers be answered, and we can go in peace and be blessed. Lord, strengthen us for this work; make us to love it as our best, our favorite, our often sought exercise; make us to understand its nature, and value; its importance, and necessity; and, above all things, keep ever in our view the example of Him who sought His Father in prayer, who walked forth ever in the spirit of prayer, and wrought only in its strength; so shall our days be more blessed, and our nights more cheerful; so shall our lives be acceptable in Thy sight. And teach us how we may be instant in prayer, by the close study of our Saviour's life; and make us to lead others to its wholesome exercise, that we may at the last find our reward at Thy right hand for evermore, through our Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, righteous art Thou, and holy, holiness becometh Thy name for ever. Yet Thou art pleased in mercy to behold Thy miserable creatures of earth, who cannot stand in Thy sight; nor, in their own strength or wisdom, obtain any thing from Thee. Thou wouldest not that any should perish, therefore, Thou hast provided a means whereby we may come unto Thee, even Jesus Christ, our sure access. Oh, give us such stedfast and unwavering faith; such holy love and confidence, such abiding truth, that we may, in the name of Jesus, enter into Thy presence, and make our wants known unto Thee. Thou canst read the heart, and knowest what is in man; to Thy searching eye all our thoughts are open; our faintest wish is read by Thee, and we cannot do any thing which Thou knowest not. Let our hearts be so purified by the Spirit of grace, that we may feel our need of Thine assistance, and so strengthened by His aid, that we may stand as suppliants in the name of Jesus, at Thy throne, until our petitions are answered. Give us an untiring faith; a confidence, which nothing of time or sense can shake; a trust which only gains strength as days pass on, though our requests be all unanswered. Place our eyes on heaven, our hearts on Thee, our affections on things above, our trust only in Thy providence, that we may, with the aid of Thy Spirit, and in unwavering faith, now and ever seek Thee in love and hope, through our Redeemer God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS Lord, Thou incomprehensible God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; Thou art in every place, and orderest all things according to Thy good pleasure. Imprint, O Lord, this truth on our hearts, we beseech Thee, and so look upon us that we may experience Thee, in every trouble, to be a very present help, and, in every hour, a ready stay and Comforter. Let Thine eye watch over us whithersoever we go; Thine arm sustain us whatsoever we do; and, in mercy, pour upon us of Thy Holy Spirit to direct our steps, and to be a light to guide us in all our undertakings, that we slip not. Yea, be very gracious unto us, good Lord, as a household, for we know that unless Thy favor shield, and Thy grace sustain us, we are utterly undone; we know that there is none other in heaven or earth to help when Thou hidest Thy face, and that, wheresoever Thou art not, there is blackness and darkness, distress and misery. We are too ready to trust to ourselves, to rest in an arm of flesh, to think that we are sufficient of ourselves to help ourselves, and Thy Spirit only can teach us our error. Enable us to learn it, we pray Thee, not by Thy judgments, not by sorrow, and pain, but by the gentle and convincing instruction of the Spirit poured upon us in this our hour of health, and strength, and so convince us of our necessity for a Redeemer, that we may come to Thee through that Redeemer whom Thou has sent, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and honor, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, almighty and everlasting, who hast called us to be Thy people, and hast mercifully promised to be our God, our Helper, and Defender, we beseech Thee to impress upon our hearts and minds the value of this great privilege, and its responsibility. We are too much given to the world; we love too much the pleasures of life; and we are too careless about spiritual things. We are honest, because we fear to lose a good name; chaste, lest we should be despised; and sober, because temptation is not heavy upon us, and then we deem ourselves safe before Thee. But in all these things we acknowledge Thee not; our hearts are not, on account of them, right with Thee; nor are our feet running the way of Thy commandments. We do not ask Thee to keep us from the snares of the evil one, nor do we regard Thee, as Thou wouldest be, as our Helper and Defender. And we forget that to Thee we must one day give an account for our misuse of such great privilege, for our neglect of such great mercy. But Thou art not extreme to mark what we have done amiss, if we turn and repent. Turn us, good Lord, now from all our forgetfulness of Thee. Give us new hearts, full of love; devoted to Thy service; and beating only in unison with Thy law, that we may prove ourselves to be Thy disciples, the followers of a blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose name we come unto Thee, and that we may also address Thee in His own words:—
Our Father

EVENING.

O LORD, gracious and holy, who hast mercifully given to us a record of Thy will, and declared Thy law, which Thou wouldest have us obey, in plain and simple form, that all men may understand, walk thereby, and live. And, who hast shewn us how so to walk by many and great examples among the holy men of old, who, influenced by Thy gracious Spirit, and looking with singleness of heart to Thy word, ran the way of Thy commandments; enable us, we pray Thee, to take Thy pure word into our hands in its completeness, and so open our eyes, and direct our hearts, that we may read it frequently, study it diligently, and love it entirely. That we may make it the one rule of our lives, the sole director of our conduct; the only sure infallible guide to right, the only unfailing instructor, and source whence to learn our duty to Thee and to our neighbor. Oh, shew us, we pray Thee, the beauty and excellence of Thy word; give us hearts to know it as Thine, the merciful gift of an ever merciful God and Father, who would not that any should perish, and who has, therefore, vouchsafed means of grace whereby all may be saved. But also, good Lord, endue us with heavenly patience, that we be not disheartened as we study, if Thy law seems not always clear, if Thy ways are not always plain, nor Thy dealings such as we can understand. And give us the spirit of prayer as we read, that Thy Spirit may always accompany us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who hast taught us and commanded us to pray, and hast in mercy shewn to us the power and efficacy of prayer, we beseech Thee, in this and every hour dedicated to Thee by the form of worship, to be present with us, to help and bless us. Give us understanding hearts, that we may comprehend the nature of prayer; that we may not suppose it to consist in the mere utterance of words, even though those words be that form which Jesus Himself taught us. Let Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, shew us a more excellent way, even the contrite, penitent sigh of a sorrowing heart; the deep utterance of want and desire; the anxious, earnest call of thirsty, perishing souls which would drink of the waters of life, and live. Let not the delusion which blinds the mere men of the world blind us, O Lord. Let us not think that we have done well to kneel in our chambers, and to speak a few sentences, and again to meet here, and listen to a few more, and then to go to our work, and the duties of a day, though we follow them out with diligence and zeal. Suffer us not to fall into so deadly a snare, for we would have our hearts moved to fervent piety, we would be blessed with Thy strength to enable us to wrestle with unwearing energy; we would walk by the Spirit, and produce the fruits of that Spirit. O Lord, help us; O Lord, teach us; O Lord, keep and direct us, and accept this our bounden duty and service in the name and for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING

O LORD God almighty, who hast raised to Thyself a church here on earth, and hast called Thy people into it with a peculiar calling; Thou who hast, in Thy great mercy and love, redeemed them by the blood of Thy dear Son, and sanctified them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus; we thank Thee that Thou hast permitted us to be of the number of those who are called by Thee, and who have received Thy token of baptism, and bear with us the name of Him, who is our Saviour and our God. Enable us, we pray Thee, to improve this precious privilege day by day, to feel its value more, the further we advance in life, and the nearer we see the hour of death approaching. And do Thou look with compassion upon that church, especially upon the holy branch of it established in our land, and to which we belong. Behold its sad estate, by reason of the sins, and dissensions of its members, and remove from us the evil heart of discontent from which we suffer. Take from us all pride of intellect, and lead us to bow in humble submission to Thee, for the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit. Assuage too, O Lord, the malice of our enemies, and, because they report evil of us, oh, teach us to be the more earnest in well doing, strengthen us to be more faithful to our profession as Thy disciples, that we may let our light be seen to Thy glory and honor, and to the praise of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who is like unto Thee, who hast made all things, and who sustainest them all by the word of Thy power; who didst speak, and creation came, who utterest, and it is sustained; the heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament sheweth Thy handywork; Thy voice speaketh in the loud thunders, and the ocean's waves whisper of Thy greatness; the sun proclaims the majesty of its Maker, and all things shew Thee great and very good. Let man, O Lord, yea, let us, the last the master work of all Thy wondrous doings, see and own Thee, as Thou art, supreme and only to be worshiped. Let us set aside all thought and hope that springs not, centres not in Thee; all imagination of the heart which has not Thee for its origin and end; and turn our hands from every work that may not promote Thy glory, either directly, or through the benefit it may effect for Thy creature, man. Thine we are by creation, preservation, and every good gift which day by day is ours, showered from the lap of Thine abundant mercy; Thine we ought to be by the consent of that reason with which Thou hast endowed us that we may walk as Thy chosen servants, Thy loving children, Thy grateful and obedient subjects. Oh, do Thou let Thy Holy Spirit shew us this our duty, and convince our obdurate hearts of our folly as well as sin, when we obey Thee not, and pardon our short-comings hitherto, for the love Thou hast to Thine own Son our Saviour, Lord and God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, of heaven, Thou holy One and true, look upon us, and be merciful unto us. Our sins cry unto Thee for vengeance, but in Christ's name, we come to find pardon, mercy, and protection. We ask Thee, to regard us as the redeemed of Jesus; as amongst the sheep of Thy pasture, who, having gone astray, would be led back into the fold, and be kept by the great Shepherd. We believe that Thou art God; we believe that all the judgments of Thy hands are verity and truth; we see them fall upon the children of men, and we cannot deny Thy power in them. But yet we regard not Thee as we ought; we do not acknowledge Thee as their Author, by turning from those sins and misdoings which may bring the same judgments upon ourselves. We live not with heaven in view, and a Saviour at our side. We think, because life is given to us, it is, therefore, ours to use as we will. O Lord, remove from us this delusion; let not us who day by day meet in open profession of our faith, deny it so day by day in our lives. Turn us every one from the error of his way, and be merciful unto us. Root out from all our hearts every taint of evil, every touch of sin; purify us from all iniquity lest it be our ruin. And watch over us here, and wherever we may go, that Thy blessing may accompany us; that Thy grace may support us, and that, at the last, we may attain to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, accept us, for Thy dear Son's sake, in another morning's prayer, and let our hearts' utterance give the spirit which shall bring it unto Him, as our fervent request. We have slept the sleep of refreshment, O Lord, and, by Thy mercy, we have been preserved from danger through the darkness of night. Let our lips praise Thee for Thy goodness, and our tongue declare Thy love. And, oh, continue, we beseech Thee, these great blessings to us. Let them be ours, O Lord, and give us ever hearts to appreciate and to acknowledge them. We would pray Thee also so to visit all near and dear to us, especially any who are afflicted or distressed. As each evening closes in, and they retire for comfortable rest, oh, make Thou all their beds, and be merciful unto them. Teach them to ask for themselves the things they need; make them to see it is a wise, as well as a pleasant thing to serve the Lord their God. Instruct them in the language of praise, that they may learn to glorify Thy holy name; and to tell of all the wondrous works that Thou hast done for them. And may the prayer of many be offered on our behalf. May Christians every where learn to pray for each other, that many may be saved; that truth may abound, and love increase, and that Thy kingdom, O God, may come into every corner of the world, and that its subjects may increase in number, daily, to the glory and honor of Thy name, for Jesus Christ's sake our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our God, merciful and gracious, let our prayer ascend unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ. Tis again a Sabbath's eve; again we would compose ourselves to prayer, and seek Thee in Thine appointed way. Let not our sins hide Thy face from us, or waken Thy wrath against us; let not our offences be remembered, so that Thine ear cannot hear the the petitions we would offer; but look upon us, and take us into Thine especial and holy keeping. Give us an abiding trust and confidence in Thy mercy and love; such a trust as may lead us to refer every event to Thee in prayer, and such confidence that, as we begun, so we may continue and end it, looking only to Thee. Prosper Thou the work of our hand, whatsoever it may be. And, O Lord, let Thy Spirit open our eyes that, ere we lie down to sleep, we may see ourselves by the light of His truth, and examine ourselves by His aid, and so prove our own selves, whether we be in the faith; whether we live as Thy disciples, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. And whereinsoever we err, may His holy influence be over us, and working in us, to check and correct; to lead us into the right path, to shew us the way in which we ought to go, and to set our feet therein that we may alway run the way of Thy commandments. And prepare us especially for the duties of the morrow; may we reflect upon the coming day with delight, and be enabled to rejoice in it, when it does come, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast ever done great things for Thy people, and been merciful to Thy chosen. Thou hast fought for them against their enemies, and wrought wondrously that they might overcome, and that Thy name might be magnified, and Thy glory known. We, O Lord, have witnessed Thy mercies, we have experienced Thy love, and we believe that Thou hast chosen us to be Thy people, and that Thou wouldest be our God; but we have turned from Thee; we have sought out our own pleasures, and run after worldly profit, and made friends of things of time, and refused to have Thee to rule over us. But now, Lord, we would return unto Thee in prayer; oh, enable us to do so with sincerity; we would seek Thee with our petitions; oh, grant that we do it with heartiness and zeal, in faith. Impress upon us our need of help beyond that of man; teach us our entire want of comfort, if Thou art not our God, when sorrows and distresses come; and, oh, shew us how miserable we must, in that case be, when the hour of death arrives, and we learn that our hold of time is ending, and our term of life is done. Ere that solemn message reaches us, oh, grant that each one may have remembered that he is but dust; and have turned and tasted, O Lord, that Thou art gracious. Now, even in this our holy meeting let Thy Spirit strive with us, to bring us nearer to Thee. May He keep us henceforth from evil, and lead us into all good, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, whose name is love, who hast loved Thy creatures from the beginning, and given to us an assurance of Thine eternal love to us and all mankind, by the death of Thy dear Son, for our redemption, hear our prayer. Thou, O Jesus Jehovah, who didst approve and fulfil this love by dying that we might live, by shedding Thine own precious blood, to save us from eternal death, listen to our cry, and plead Thy helpless creatures' cause with Thy Father. Thou Holy Spirit, the Comforter, hear our prayer, sanctify us body, soul, and spirit, for the work we have in hand, and let Thy gracious influence lend wings to our petitions, that they may ascend to the Throne of mercy, as acceptable in God's sight. Thou blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us, and shed abroad Thy love in our hearts; make us to love Thee above all things, and to love one another for Thy sake; enable us to understand that love which watches and cares for us, that we may watch and care for each other, and, in pure love for Thee, urge each other to seek Thy presence, as the source of joy; to study Thy law, as the rule of life; and to walk in the steps of that Saviour who is gone before us to prepare a place, that where He is we may be also. Oh, let each of us so make His calling sure, that we may all meet in that place, the redeemed of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who lookest upon all men as the creatures of Thy hands, and wouldest that all should be saved. O Lord, who didst leave Thy throne of glory that redemption might be wrought for the whole human race, and a way of escape made for them. O Lord, who sanctifiest every soul that would enjoy and participate in Thy heavenly influence; we seek Thee as our God, and ask Thy gracious aid on behalf of all men. Do Thou, in great pity, look upon the many who are bound by the chains of evil; over whom passion reigns, and for whom revelation speaks in vain. Yea, Lord, turn Thine eye upon the heathen in all lands, and convert them; bless the endeavors of those who go forth, in Thy strength, as Thy ambassadors, to call them unto Thee; and let Thy word have free course amongst them. Be very gracious unto Thy people of old, who are yet under darkness, and know not their Messiah and Saviour. Let light shine upon them, and turn their proud and rebellious hearts, that the Jew in every place may soon name the name of Jesus, and live. But, oh, pardon and instruct, good Lord, those who, in our own land refuse to hear and believe; shew to those who deny Jesus to be a Saviour, that, without Him, there is no access to Thee. Lead them by that Spirit, whose influence they will not receive, for Thou art a God of mercy. And keep us, who have heard the truth, that we walk therein; and establish our faith in Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we Thy humble servants desire Thy comforting Spirit, to quiet our minds as we come before Thee to offer our prayers on behalf of ourselves, and all mankind. We ask Thee, O Lord, to grant to our gracious Sovereign every heavenly grace and virtue. Direct her thoughts to the source of light, even to Thyself, that she may see her way clearly, and walk the christian's walk in the faith and fear of Thee, and so study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge in wealth, peace, and godliness, that she may be a blessing to us, and we may be blessed in her. Direct those who rule under her in all their councils, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and that Thy will may be their rule in every action and design. And give to Thy people, and to all who are under subjection in our land, peaceful and obedient spirits; make them to remember by whom kings reign, and so to honor those in authority, for conscience sake. And let their prayers ever ascend on behalf of all in authority; yea, open our mouths, often, good Lord, in tones of supplication, that we may be well governed; that Thy grace may preside over, and direct every high council; that we may have the blessing of peace, and see Thy name hallowed, our Saviour worshiped, and the Holy Spirit in His influence on every side, to the honor and glory of the eternal Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, our only God, and everlasting Father, we would come before Thee with the confession of our sins, and a prayer for pardon. We would own our transgressions and seek the interceding grace of our only Saviour, that our sins may be blotted out and our transgressions remembered no more; that we may be delivered from the power of evil, and made to stand securely in the hour of trial and day of temptation. O Lord, enable us to see our own sinfulness; our entire inability to please Thee, or, of ourselves, to do Thee any service, much less to be acceptable in Thy sight. Make us to understand the frailty of our nature, that we may mistrust ourselves in every thing we do; that we may ponder well ere we act; that we may seek the illuminating influence of Thy Spirit ere we put our hand to any work, and may daily study Thy word in the spirit and with the power of prayer, until we see ourselves changed, our inclinations altered, our desires turned from natural objects, and our hearts set upon heavenly things. Yea, Lord, so strive with us, that we rest not until we find in us the same spirit which was in our Saviour Jesus Christ, until we know that we are become new creatures in Him, and can look forward with hope and joy to the great change which awaits us, when the summoning angel shall bid us prepare to meet our God. Oh, accomplish these things in us, we pray now, whilst the day is ours, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O MERCIFUL Father, we praise Thee for the mercies of another day; that the light has shone upon us, and that we have been blessed with health and strength for all its duties. We bless Thy holy name that Thou hast not suffered us to fall into danger whereby our lives might have been sacrificed, or lasting pain secured to us. Make us, in the remembrance of this goodness, O Lord, to use more diligence for the future, not only to preserve our health, but to win fresh mercies at Thine hand. Give us that strength, which may enable us to walk as Thy disciples; as those who would be fed by, and learn from, Thee. Endue us so with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may shew to a naughty world whose we are, by a diligent and consistent service of our God. And do Thou give like blessings to all our relations and friends. If there be any, O Lord, who know Thee only by the hearing of the ear, who refuse to acknowledge Thee in their hearts, turn them, we earnestly beseech Thee, from their great sin and iniquity; shew to them their folly; convince them of the shortness, the uncertainty, as well as the unprofitableness of life, and things of time, and call them away from the dumb idols of the world, to serve Thee the living God. And do Thou strengthen those yet more and more, who have learned to walk in and to love Thy ways, that they together with us may enjoy the holy blessedness of Thy peace, and that, passing through the trials of life here, we may secure the joys of life hereafter, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our holy God, who knowest the thoughts of man, and hearest every word of his mouth, we beseech Thee, to set a watch upon our lips, and to guard our hearts. Keep us in every temptation, that we do not indulge in the thought of evil, that we do not harbor within designs of iniquity, or allow careless or profane objects to have a hold upon us. We are too easily led to this sin; we too readily yield to this iniquity; we forget that we must account for every thought which we encourage, every imagination which we indulge. Because man knows not, we do not care, for Thou, O God, art not in all our thoughts. Let us no longer live under such delusion; permit us not still to persevere in such error, but give us grace to see our danger, and, because Thou wouldest have us to be saved, to flee from the wrath to come. And, since our lips are prone to utter the thing which Thou canst not approve, and because we speak idle words, not remembering that every one must be brought into judgment against us, therefore, we entreat Thee, to be our help; warn us, when we are about to utter unprofitable sayings; teach us the words which Thou wouldest have us speak, and be our very God, even unto death. And pardon our follies and sins past; blot out every record of idle words, and evil thoughts, and preserve us under the shadow of Thy wings, that we may be safe, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, everlasting and true, who hast reserved mercy for thousands and tens of thousannds who call upon Thee through faith in Thy dear Son, we beseech Thee mercifully to include us in that happy number; give us such faith as may lead us unto Thee as a reconciled Father in Christ Jesus; as unto One who waits to be gracious; who would not that any should perish, but that every one of Thy redeemed creatures should attain to the inheritance of the saints in light. Let our faith be so lively, that we may see our Saviour in every work, and rejoice evermore in His holy name; that we may worship Him in sincerity and affection; that we may seek to know His will, and to walk in His steps; that we may take His precious precepts into our hearts, and, encouraged by His heavenly promises, may feed thereon, and find our best nourishment and purest joy in strict obedience to them. And so increase this faith day by day that, seeking daily more and more of Thy Holy Spirit's influence, we may advance in the work whereunto we have put our hands, and whereunto we are called, even the doing of Thy will. Yea, Lord, preserve us in all holiness of living, by Thy good Spirit, until we finally be sanctified body, soul, and spirit; until our lives be one grateful and glad service; and until we can rejoice alway in Thy Holy Name, O blessed Lord, three persons and one God now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, doubt and disbelief have darkened our hearts, and blinded our eyes; we have not seen as we might, we have not believed as we ought. Yet Thou art the same God, yesterday, today, and for ever. Thy light still shineth, though we see it not, and Thy power still ruleth, though we will not acknowledge it, and there is none like unto Thee. We call Thee Lord, and say that Thou art our God; we declare our belief in Thee, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, one God for ever, and yet we believe not, because we will not do the things which Thou commandest. Pardon, good Lord, and deliver us; save us, O Son of God, save us, lest the punishment of our iniquities come upon us, and we die; O Holy Spirit strive with us, and illuminate our dark hearts, and beam upon our minds, that we stumble not in our sins, and perish everlastingly. Give us heavenly wisdom, O eternal Lord God; give us understanding, that we may walk before Thee in the land of the living; that we may approve ourselves as Thy disciples, Thy redeemed, Thy children. And, when we see more clearly, open our mouths to praise Thee for Thy mercy; when we understand better, let our lips give thanks unto Thee, and make us to rejoice in the light of Thy countenance, because we know that Thou hast a favor unto us, and hast blessed and redeemed us, and given us to be Thy sons and daughters, through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord, God, and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING

GREAT is Thy mercy, O Lord, and great Thy forbearance; Thy love is over all Thy works, and we are the creatures of Thy hand, the preserved of Thy providence. Day by day renews Thy goodness to each one of us, and each night declares it afresh. Oh, open our mouths with thanksgiving, and our lips with praise. Wake within us a spirit of praise, of grateful, adoring, heartfelt praise, for all Thy many favors, which we must own, despite our insensibility, our carelessness, and forgetfulness, to be more than we can recount; how many more then than we can thank Thee for as we ought. But Thou art not extreme to mark what we do amiss; Thou hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner; Thou lovest all Thy creatures with a perfect love, and hast, therefore, in Christ Jesus, provided for us a fountain, whence we may draw living waters, and in Him, hast given us bread, of which to eat, that we may live for ever. Let this be the reflection which daily rests, with most inward delight and satisfaction on our memories, and most deeply touches our hearts; and let this be the most constant, as it is the richest, call for adoration and love; for we are thus redeemed out of a sinful world; we are thus called out of darkness into marvelous light; we are thus, hungering and thirsting, promised to be filled; and we have thus more secured to us than we could desire or ask, for Thy Son is our Propitiation, and our Redeemer. Hear us, then and bless us, O Lord, for His sake now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, eternal and omnipotent, we approach Thee in the name of our Redeemer, and we seek Thee in faith, because we know that He has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. But, O Lord, we have not lived as if He were our Saviour; we have not walked as if He were our example; we have not followed Him unto death, so that sin should reign no more in our mortal bodies; we are not risen with Him above the world, with all its vanities and follies. For His sake, let Thy Holy Spirit teach us to die indeed unto sin; to mortify our corrupt affections which are upon the earth; to put away from us all evil, and to live in all holiness before Thee. Yea, Lord, rouse us now from our slumber. Shew us the pit before us; the yawning gulph ready for all who love Thee not in sincerity and truth; and then point to heaven; let the beams of divine love shine into our dark hearts, and Thy Spirit lead and direct us. Teach us the things which belong unto our peace, before they be hid from our eyes. Convince us that now is the accepted time, now the day of salvation, and that, as we live here, so shall be our life hereafter. Oh, how often we ask, and how little we improve; how frequently we call, and how little we learn, for pleasure deadens our souls, and we cannot turn to Thee. Turn us, O good Lord, and save us, be merciful unto us, O blessed Jesus, and plead our cause, and Thou Holy Spirit strive with us, and keep us, for Thou art our Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord, our God and Saviour; great is Thy name; Thou art Lord of all. The universe owns Thy sway; nature yields to Thy bidding; every creature is Thine, and does Thy will, save only man, the redeemed, but the rebellious. He, for whom Thou hast given so much, even life itself; he only disobeys; he only spurns Thy gift, and despises Thy authority; he only is deaf when Thou speakest, and loud in wilful sin before his God. Pardon, oh, pardon, we beseech Thee, Thy rebellious children; remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; but blot out our transgressions as a thick cloud; call to mind Thy tender mercies of old, and instil into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we may learn to love Thee above all things; that we may seek Thee with the early dawn; walk with Thee through the day, and, as night closes round, may feel Thee our present help, our strength, our stay, our Saviour indeed. Lord, we are met in Thy name; give us a due sense of Thy presence with us; enable us to realise it, so that no wandering thought may desecrate this hour, or render our service ineffectual; so that we may pray to Thee in spirit and in truth; and, with a lively faith in Thy tender mercy, may open our hearts confidingly to Thee, and know that Thou wilt help, and strengthen us, and plead our cause with Thy Father, and our Father and God, now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

LET our lips praise Thee, O God, and our hearts give thanks unto Thee; let us joy in Thy holy name, for Thou hast dealt graciously with us, whereat we would rejoice. Yea, Lord, we would come into Thy presence with the words of holy thankfulness for all Thy many mercies, but we cannot recount them; they are more than we are able to express, or to remember. From our infancy to this day Thou hast watched over us; Thou hast cared for and kept us. All the good things which we have enjoyed in time have sprung of Thy bounty; and Thy mercy and love only have taught us whence they came; for Thy Spirit has told us of a gracious God, and a merciful Redeemer. When we have found comfort from distress, we must own that it was of Thee, though we knew it not, and Thy goodness yet preserves to us health, and relations, and friends. If we lie down, Thine arm is over us, and the darkness of night is not suffered to bring us evil. We rise by Thy good providence with each day's dawn, and from Thine abundant kindness it is that we are now or ever met together to worship Thee. Oh, let such continued and vast proofs of love keep us in the paths of peace, in the ways of holiness, in strict obedience to Thy commandments, and in unwavering faith in Thy dear Son; and stablish us in all goodness, set our feet upon the Rock and order our goings that they slip not; and all for the sake of Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, perfect and true, who hast remembered Thy covenant, and preservest us by Thy great power; teach us to come to Thee in fear and trembling, yet as redeemed children, who know they have a Father's love, a Father waiting to receive, to acknowledge, and to bless them with the fulness of joy for evermore. Oh, who can tell the greatness of this privilege? Lord, make us to value it. Shew us Thy condescension in thus regarding us; Thy entire unceasing affection for us; and stir up in us such a love in return, as may shew our confidence in Thee; as may display our trust in Him, who is our propitiation with Thee, and may evidence our desire to obtain the influence of Thy Holy Spirit to lead us in all our ways, and to direct us in all our goings. And do Thou, good Lord, pour upon us of that Spirit more abundantly this night, that we may be fitted by His power for the solemn duties of the morrow; when we shall enter into the courts of Thy house, and join with Thy worshiping people in the service of the sanctuary. And enable us to meditate, in the silence of our chambers, upon that holy season of heavenly rest, the type of an eternal Sabbath, where the Lamb sitteth on the throne, and the redeemed of God find their only joy in songs of praise, and ascription of glory to Him who hath redeemed them out of every kindred, and nations, and tongues, even Christ our Lord, in whose name we thus come unto Thee O God, and further, in His own words pray:—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, Thou God of love, who hast declared Thyself to us under that most cheering name, and hast proved it by acts more numerous than we can recount, and more vast than we can comprehend, instil into us, we beseech Thee, such love as shall make us acceptable unto Thee, bringing forth fruits unto eternal life. Make us to love all men, even our enemies; enable us to pray for them, and to seek to do them service, because our blessed Lord has set us an example how we should walk, and He did so. Let not our hearts condemn us, that we are not in charity with all men; that we are not the friends of all. Oh, if there be in the heart of any one of us, a feeling akin to hatred or malice, or uncharitabless toward a fellow-creature; if Thou seest that we would refuse to give to any one, because he is not our friend, or because he has injured us, teach us our sin, and turn us to a better spirit, yea, Lord, give us hearts of flesh to feel for all men, since Christ died for all. Lead us rather to seek out those who, by indulging hatred against us, shew their ignorance of, or indifference towards, Thee, that they may be led to see the power of faith, and the workings of grace in the heart of man; how they break down pride, and every evil passion. And do Thou make our love for others effectual; prosper all its doings to the good of the souls and bodies of Thy creatures, that we may see happiness to increase, and joy to abound, even the joy which Thy favor can give. And hear us, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD almighty, who hast commanded us to pray for all men, especially for those who are of the household of faith, enable us now, we beseech Thee, to come unto the throne of mercy and grace, in faith, and with willing obedience. Give us that boldness which a confidence in Thy love inspires, that we may make all our requests known to Thee in prayer. We would now, gracious Lord, ask Thy blessing for all men, even for our enemies. Turn their hearts, and so shall they be turned, from the love and practise of sin, to the fear and worship of Thee. Remove from them all hatred, and whatsoever else may hinder them from feeling towards us perfect love and good-will. Let them not trust to the guidance of passion, nor let pride stand in the way of grace, but let Thy Spirit be their Instructor, that they repent and live. Be merciful unto our relations and friends; give them believing hearts, patience, and faith, and be merciful unto them. Look upon us who belong to this household, purify us from every taint of sin; keep us in the right way, and endue us with heavenly love. And we would ask Thee to bless us a nation; be not extreme to mark our misdoings, for we sin against Thee continually, and with a high hand; but enlighten our hearts, make our rulers to know Thee, our people to obey, and so let Thy favor rest upon us, as it has hitherto done. And increase daily the number of the faithful among us, that our prayers may be heard, and we may be saved, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O THOU who art the source of health, of life, and comfort, God eternal, we would now call upon Thee in the name of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and we would offer unto Thee, with pious fervor, the best affections of our hearts. Thou hast indeed merited them all and far more, were we able to give it. Thou hast purchased from us, by mercies innumerable, a return we can never make; but, since Thou requirest not from us things impossible, nor lookest for more than we are able to give, we, therefore, presume to offer ourselves a living sacrifice unto Thee, beseeching Thee to accept our service in the name of Thy beloved. Let the health which we enjoy tell us, day by day, that we ought to expend it for Thee, and to Thine honor and glory; for it is Thy gift, intended to minister to our good, and not to bring us into evil, by leading us to spend it in the mere pleasures and occupations of life. Let our very existence, continued by Thy bounty, proclaim the service which it brings upon us, for we have it here that we may be fitted to live hereafter. And let the comforts which surround us, in relations, friends, and the good things of time, be persuasives to us to come unto Thee, to live for Thee, that we may live with Thee. Oh, rouse us from our folly, the delusions of life to which we yield, when we are so earnest to obtain the things which are perishable, and think not on the things which are eternal; and turn our hearts and hope to Thee and heaven, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS Lord, in whom standeth all our help, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Thou who art the Father of the fatherless, the Defender of the widow, the Hope of the afflicted, and the Consolation of the mourner. Thou who in all time, and in every place art found of them that seek Thee, and art abundant in mercy and truth to every one that cometh unto Thee, pleading the name, and trusting to the sufficiency of a crucified Saviour, Jesus, Lord of all; we come unto Thee, according to our several wants, and would now ask Thee in mercy to read our hearts and see what we desire at Thy hands, and to give us such things as may be profitable for us. Endue us, especially, with the graces of Thy Holy Spirit. Pour out upon us of His influence in great abundance, that we may daily walk more as Thy disciples; may daily shew more of that spirit which was in Christ Jesus; may daily more adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. O Lord, we earnestly beseech Thee to hear us, and to answer quickly, for our time is short, hour follows hour in rapid succession. The years that are past of our lives seem gone as a dream, and we cannot call even this night our own. Let the Saviour's love plead for us, and let the Spirit's influence lead us now and ever to trust to that plea, that we may be heard and saved, through Him, who died that we might live for evermore, Jesus Christ, our Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou God of truth; Thou, who lovest truth in the inward parts, and wilt not excuse the guilty; we beseech Thee so to impress us with a sense of its importance, that we may seek to live in its constant practise, and to obey Thy precepts with faithfulness and zeal. Shew us, O Lord, the beauty of truth, how it is manifested in all Thy works and doings, so that we can come to Thee in confidence, knowing that what Thou sayest Thou wilt do, be it to reward the innocent, or to punish the guilty. We must own that we err too continually by forsaking the truth; we act or say the things which our heart disbelieves, and our reason cannot admit; we allow our fellows to leave us with an impression which we know to be false, and we refuse to speak a word which would tell them the truth. Oh, pardon us, good Lord, and teach us better things. Let us no longer try to deceive, even by a look; for Thee we cannot deceive; and it is Thou who must bring all these things into judgment. Where we err, give us grace to confess our error; and endue us with that christian courage, that holy boldness which shall enable us to proclaim what we have done wrong, lest our neighbor be deceived, and another blamed. Yea, Lord, as Jesus walked in perfectness and truth before men, as He was bold to maintain what was right and honest, so let us walk, and live, and so preserve us in the truth as it is in Him, for His sake, who is our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who art the patient and enduring Lord; Thou waitest to be gracious, because Thou hast reserved mercy for thousands and tens of thousands who call upon Thee through faith in Thy dear Son; keep us, we beseech Thee, from that daring spirit of presumption which leads so many, and has tried us so often, to put off our repentance, to delay our confession of sin, and to tempt Thy wrath, and awaken Thine indignation against us. We must own that we have done this continually; that we have put away from us the rebukes of a wounded conscience, and tried to whisper to ourselves peace, under the hope that a more convenient season might be found. And, Lord, how is it with us now; let Thy Holy Spirit enlighten our understandings, and illumine our hearts, that we may see every sin unrepented of which lurks there; that we may observe every secret thought of evil, and perceive the absence of that pure and absorbing love of Thee, which ought to warn us hourly into deeds of love and charity, whereby men might know that we are Thy disciples indeed. O help us, good Lord, for vain is the help of man; vain our own strength, vain our best resolution; and lead us now, in this Thine accepted time, to confess our sins to Thee with godly sorrow, to plead the Saviour's name, and in the Spirit's strength to fight the good fight of faith. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake, our Advocate and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our Maker, we are the work of Thy hands, the creatures of Thy providence; blessed be Thy holy name for Thy preservation of us in time past. It is Thou only who hast made us to dwell in safety. Oh, grant that we may ever praise Thee for Thy mercy and goodness, not with our lips only, but in our lives. Teach us, O Lord, the way of Thy commandments, that we may indeed praise Thee; shew us Thy statutes, that we may indeed give thanks unto Thee; and place our feet in Thy paths, wherein is salvation, that we may indeed glorify Thee. Let Thy Holy Spirit beam brightly before us wheresoever we go, that we stumble not. May He be the pillar of fire which shall lead us through the dark night of existence here, to the promised land which our Saviour Christ has purchased for us. We find it difficult, even when we try with most energy, to obey Thy law, O Lord; our flesh lusteth against the Spirit; we find a law in our members which is opposed to Thy law, and which we too readily obey. Give us then Thy strength to combat, Thy power to overcome. Teach us the nature of obedience, which leads to a deep and solemn study of Thy law, and a prayerful spirit, that we may follow it in all its requirements, that we may walk according to it in every precept, and, being Thy disciples here, may be Thy glorified saints hereafter, to the honor of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, take our hearts into Thine hands, and mould them; prepare us now for faithful communion with Thee; make us to remember that Thou art in heaven and we upon earth; that Thou art holy, and we impure, and then, having humbled us, receive us in our prayer, through Jesus Christ. And, for His sake, O Lord, we would ask Thine especial blessing and favor upon Thine ancient people. They are the seed of Thy chosen, Abraham; to them were promises made, and from them sprung the Saviour of mankind; for them has Thy love burned; and to them Thou dost yet look in tender compassion, and with mercy. Oh, awaken them, we pray Thee, from the slumber of ignorance into which they have been lulled; open their eyes, sealed by prejudice, and touch their hearts, overcharged with pride. Let the illuminating ray of Thy Spirit dispel every hindrance which yet bars their reception of the truth as it is in Jesus. Quicken them, and so bring them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock; unite us all, Jew and Gentile, by one faith; give to us all one hope; shew to each and every one of us the Saviour as He is, even Jesus Christ, and endue us all with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth; that we may work together to Thy glory; that we may wait with patient abiding for Thy kingdom, and do all to Thy honor, praising Thee evermore with one heart and voice, and worshiping the blessed Trinity in Unity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our very God, early would we seek Thee. We come into Thy presence this morning to ask a blessing on the day which has just beamed upon us; we plead the name of Jesus, and faith tells us Thou wilt hear. Be merciful unto us, O good Lord, after Thy power; behold each member of our household with Thy favor; protect us as with a shield. Give to each of us a prayerful spirit, that we may pray, with the heart and understanding, not only for ourselves, but for each other. Teach us the power of intercessory prayer; oh, teach us how great a blessing we may secure for our friends and those who are out of the way, if we will only pray for them with fervor, faith, and affection, for the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Let each one who may, from time to time, join us in our daily devotions, or who may retire to his chamber to worship Thee in secret, pray for a blessing upon our family. May we be stayed upon Thee; may none but the righteous come near to us; may no false tongue ever join our petitions; no cold heart ever accompany the bended knee in this place. May Thy light ever shine here in purity and fulness, and may Thy good gifts be showered upon us, and be acknowledged by grateful, loving hearts, and may our meetings be but preludes of one, when we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ, His redeemed for ever. Oh, hear us, we pray Thee, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them who, with true penitence, turn unto Thee; and who hast never been slack concerning Thy promise; have mercy upon us, who seek that forgiveness; who come to Thee for that pardon; and who would have that peace, which are from Thee and Thee only. O Lord, we have a will to do, but evil is ever present with us; we have a power to act, but sin reigns in our mortal bodies; we feel a constant warfare within, and, unless Thou speakest the word, unless Thy Spirit blow upon us, we are undone. For Jesu's sake, hear and answer, good Lord. As He died for us, so let us live unto Him. Give us a repentance for sins past, not to be repented of; a strength against temptation to come, which shall keep us from falling. But, above all things, give to each one of us a firm enduring reliance on Thyself, through Christ Jesus; enable us to look to Thee through Him, simply and singly; in every hour to remember Thee, and in every act to praise Thee; so shall we have joy and peace in believing; so be Thy true and faithful servants; so Thy contending soldiers, fighting under the banner of our salvation; holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering, and contending earnestly for that faith once delivered to the saints; and be able at the last to exclaim in the triumphal language of the Apostle, I have fought the good fight, I have kept that faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of glory which fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, righteous and just, who hast, in mercy, set before us good and evil, life and death; and hast given to each of us the power and free will to choose the one and reject the other, we beseech Thee to enable us, by Thy grace, to make our choice of good, that we may live, and have the life which is eternal. Shew us what the good is, even to know Thee, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent; to study Thy word, to learn its holy requirements, and to walk therein all the days of our lives, even as Christ, our Saviour, walked. Make us to understand how pleasant as well as profitable the good is; how all the joys and pleasures, and content of this our mortal time spring from it, and how without it there is none of them because there is no peace for the wicked. Turn the eyes of each and all of us from the world and its allurements, which are death; let them not claim any share in our heart or affections that we follow them, because we cannot serve Thee and Mammon; we cannot, O God, divide our heart with Thee. Thou requirest the heart, entire in all its best affections of desire, and hope, and love. And yet, Lord, even when we try, we find it hard to make our choice, the things of time lay strong hold upon us, and death is nigh at hand. For Jesus Christ's sake, help us now; in this hour, come unto us, to deliver and protect, and strengthen us, and give us joy and peace in believing here, and its fruition, even life eternal hereafter, the purchase of our Redeemer Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, look upon us, we pray Thee, for we are very weak, and let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, that we may be enabled to see Thy way, and to find strength and comfort to walk therein. Thou hast in mercy given us good things in this life, wherein we greatly rejoice. Thou hast blessed us with a home and its comforts; with friends, with relatives, and acquaintance. Thou hast given to us food and raiment, and Thy sun shines for us, as does Thy moon give us light. The day is ours, and the night is ours; and we have the happy interchange of Summer and Winter. All things pass in their courses for our good. We partake of these benefits, O Lord, but, alas, we forget the Giver; we enjoy them in their turn, but neglect their great Author; we satisfy ourselves; we are glad; we make our profit here; we use the seasons, and their various gifts; but the greatest of all gifts is unremembered, and it is too often as if Christ had not died for our sins, or risen for our justification. We regard the world as our own, and so we live of the world, and love worldly things. Pardon us, good Lord, and shew to us our sin; display to us our folly, and make us to see, by the illuminating influence of Thy Holy Spirit, the greatest, shadowed forth in every lesser gift of Thy Providence, that we may always have in view the great High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

MORNING.

AGAIN, O Lord God, we are in Thy presence; let the solemn thought fit us for the duty in which we have engaged; again are we met in Thy dear Son's name; may the holy recollection of His promise work within us, and waken such a feeling of love and devotion, that we may call upon Thee as a reconciled Father in Him; again the Holy Spirit waits to aid our prayers, to give life and energy to our petitions, may we not be so dead, and cold, and heedless, as to reject the proferred aid, to refuse the heavenly Messenger, to despise the mercy of our God. Oh, that we could all feel the holy influence as we bend our knees to pray; oh, that every one who shall ever kneel in this our home, could bow only in sincerity and truth to the Father of mercies, for that pardon which we all need, for that peace which only He can give, and for that deliverance which Jesus has wrought for all. Oh, that he who presides here could bear ever in mind, how he is bound to see that he and his house serve the Lord; that Jesus be the watchword of His going out and coming in, and that the Spirit sanctify him for the work whereunto he is called. O Lord, help us now and ever; be very merciful unto us, and let Thy blessing rest upon us; teach us all the value of, as well as the necessity for, prayer, and keep us under the shadow of Thy wings, for we are Thy redeemed by Christ, who is our Lord, our Saviour, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, great and gracious, accept again our ·mble service, and let the closing eve of another ·k witness for us before Thee, that we are Thy ·ciples indeed. Blot out our offences, cover our ıs, strengthen our faith, and receive us for the sake Thy dear Son. Let His merits now supply our ·ficiency; His all-prevailing atonement now be effec-ual for us; and the Holy Spirit now sanctify us for ·he work of praise and thanksgiving. We would praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast preserved us from all danger, from distress, and sorrow, and hast kept us from the overwhelming power of evil; that, amid our many sins and short-comings, Thou hast still remembered mercy, and allowed us from time to time to seek Thy face in prayer, and Thy favor by supplication. Make us, O Lord, to improve this holy privilege daily; and to use it as Thine own ordinance, Thine appointed means of grace, as the way in which Thou art pleased to commune with Thy creatures, by which to learn their wants, and through which Thou art moved to mercy, and acts of love and goodness. As the night is upon us, so, Lord, make us to remember that night, when all shall sleep in the grave; and [illegible] such an earnest looking for the Sabbe[illegible] [illegible]s Thine, Thine own holy day, that [illegible] and certain hope of a joyful re[illegible] [illegible]nal Sabbath with Thee in h[illegible] [illegible]hrist our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Maker, and very God, we come into Thy presence as humble creatures, who have nothing to bring which can claim Thine attention or merit Thy favor. We have fallen with our first parents from the estate of purity in which Thou didst create them; we have lost that heavenly likeness which Thou didst impress upon them, and the pride which caused their fall still cleaves to us. Oh, how haughtily we hold ourselves, not only towards our fellows, but before Thee; how madly we choose our way, and do our own work, as if Thou hadst never bade us to humble ourselves in Thy presence, and to learn from Jesus, our Redeemer and our God. We think that we are wise enough to will, and strong enough to do; we presume on our abilities to plan, and our energies to execute, and this fair earth bears upon it the works of our hands, but our hearts are all the while set upon them, objects though they be of vanity, and parents of vexation and sorrow. O Lord, let a better spirit take possession of us; let a holier influence be upon us; a higher power direct and govern us. And teach us how to humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand, O God, that we may look not to an exaltation here, but in heaven, in Thy due time. Let our hopes, and desires, all tend to that glorious consummation, and let us rejoice that we can walk with humility with Christ here, so that we may dwell with Him in glory hereafter. Oh, hear and answer for His sake, most merciful Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, we, Thy humble servants, would now, kneeling at our household altar, ask Thee to endue us with the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, and to open our understandings by His power, that we may be able to commune with ourselves this night; to examine and to prove our own selves, and to know whether the means this day vouchsafed to us, have brought us as much nearer to Thee than we were when we awoke with the morning, as we are nearer to the grave, and gates of death. Oh, let us not deceive ourselves, we pray Thee, since we cannot deceive Thee; but enable us to ask our hearts, each one of us for himself, and let that heart answer in faithfulness, sincerity, and truth, whether this, Thy holy Sabbath, has been a day wasted; whether its means and ordinances have been blessings rejected; or whether we are wiser in spiritual things than the dawn found us. Teach us the folly of delay; the sin of neglect; shew us the purity of Thy law, which admits of no thought, even of foolishness, and which requires a contrite heart, and devout mind, a decent behaviour in the courts of Thine house. Give each of us the spirit to ask himself, is to day a fresh desire to live to my Saviour enkindled in my heart; is He more precious to me than He was. And, as we must all own we have come far short of our duty in these things, we crave Thy pardon, and ask Thy strength for time to come, that it be not so on any future Sabbath, but that we may daily increase in godliness until we attain to Thy rest, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, the Author of life and death, and from whom proceed all the visitations to which man is subject, we, Thine unworthy servants, would come now into Thy presence with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, that Thou hast so mercifully vouchsafed to us the great blessing of health and strength; that Thou hast now given to us power to enjoy the good things of life, with an exemption from the evil. Yet, Lord, Thou hast, also in Thy mercy, sometimes visited us with sickness; Thou hast brought us low by sorrow, and let distress and misfortune come upon us. Thanks be to Thee that they are removed. Oh, may the remembrance of them be sanctified to us; may we look back upon the hours of affliction or pain which we have passed through, as to hours of communing, when Thou didst call unto us to turn from the error of our ways unto Thee, the Lord our God; and may we now, in the day of our health, shew that Thy communing has not been in vain; that Thou hast not spoken as unto deaf men. And now, Lord, let Thy Spirit abide with us, and henceforth accompany us, that we may dedicate ourselves wholly to Thee, as sons and daughters, as dear children. May our love wax with our years, and our knowledge of Thee with the increase of our days. May we preserve the health Thou hast given to us with jealous care, and be kept from doing anything which may tend to injure it, remembering that health and strength, as Thy gifts, are precious talents, which we must preserve, for Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, everlasting, holy, and true, we would now come into Thy presence with our evening sacrifice, and ask Thee, for the merits and sake of our gracious Redeemer and God, Jesus Christ, to sanctify us in and for this service by Thy Holy Spirit. Let His influence direct our thoughts, and restrain them; but above all things may He shew us in its fulness the example of the holy Jesus as He prayed; how He wrestled, as it were, with the flesh which encumbered Him; how He humbled himself, and, on His knees, besought His heavenly Father to hear and answer, teaching us the necessity for, and the nature of, prayer. May He enable us with patience, perseverance, and love, to study that great and perfect example, in its every part; that we may lay aside all pride, conceit, and self-approval, and may behold ourselves, as we are indeed, weak, and ignorant, and foolish. That we may know every good and perfect gift to be from above, and that without Thee we can do nothing which is acceptable in Thy sight. Oh, humble us, especially in our own eyes. Make us to see the ignorance from which springs self-applause, or the love of the world's approval, that we may learn by Thy Spirit's aid that wisdom which is from above, and may seek only to walk approved in Thy sight, and to use the talents and good things which Thou hast given to us in Thy service and for Thy honor and glory, and so rejoice now and evermore in Thy heavenly comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD almighty, power belongeth unto Thee in heaven above, and on the earth beneath, and all things are Thine. We are the creatures of Thy hand, the sustained of Thy providence, and to Thee we owe all the possessions which are ours. But we are rebellious creatures, and refuse the tribute of a reasonable service. Help us with Thy might, O Lord, that we may find strength to obey, and desire to serve; give us power to resist the devil, and to withstand temptation; endue us with grace to be earnest in every good work. Shew us how much we ought to do on Thy behalf, and teach us Thy statutes, that we may know how to do it. Set before us the many opportunities which Thou affordest as exercise of our faith and patience, and by the neglect of which we bring our souls into jeopardy, and add sin to sin. Enable us to open our mouths, when we have learned any truth, that we may tell it among the people; set before us the example of our blessed Saviour, that we, walking in His steps, and speaking of Him, may be a light to many that sit in darkness, and may adorn the doctrine of Thee, our God, in all things. Establish us in every good work; make us to love Thy law, and to study it; to meditate upon it, and to talk of it, daily and hourly; for what is there here which deserves our time, or can repay us for the expenditure of mind, or the anxieties which the things of time create. And shew us the glory which awaits Thy people, that we may all be of that happy number, redeemed, through the merits of Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, whose name is love, and whose most darling attribute is to shew mercy, inspire us, we pray Thee, with the same holy principle; pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, that we may live as brethren one with another, and love our fellows with a perfect love, doing good according to our power. O Lord, we have hitherto failed herein, and come short of the requirements of Thy law; we have neglected many opportunities, and refused many means whereby we might have shewn ourselves to be Thy disciples. We have not gone about doing good; we have not divided our substance as we might and ought; we have, indeed, in all respects, left much, very much undone, which our blessed Lord had done, if in our stead He had wrought, or wrought in us. Has Thy face ever been turned from us, and have we felt heavy and sorrowful, because Thou wouldest not hear or pity? Oh, make us to remember how often we have turned ours from the poor man, our blessed Lord's representative on earth, for He was poor; and have hoarded, or gladdened ourselves in, our possessions. And renew our hearts in mercy, lest our sins be our ruin. Keep our tongues, that they offend not; that they speak no evil, but that they minister good unto our fellows; that they cover the multitude of sins rather than expose them; and that we shew ourselves, by loving words and deeds; by acts of kindness and forbearance to be led by Thy Spirit to be Thine adopted, Thy chosen, whom Thou lovest, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour and God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, righteous and just, who hast, in mercy, set before us good and evil, life and death; and hast given to each of us the power and free will to choose the one and reject the other, we beseech Thee to enable us, by Thy grace, to make our choice of good, that we may live, and have the life which is eternal. Shew us what the good is, even to know Thee, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent; to study Thy word, to learn its holy requirements, and to walk therein all the days of our lives, even as Christ, our Saviour, walked. Make us to understand how pleasant as well as profitable the good is; how all the joys and pleasures, and content of this our mortal time spring from it, and how without it there is none of them because there is no peace for the wicked. Turn the eyes of each and all of us from the world and its allurements, which are death; let them not claim any share in our heart or affections that we follow them, because we cannot serve Thee and Mammon; we cannot, O God, divide our heart with Thee. Thou requirest the heart, entire in all its best affections of desire, and hope, and love. And yet, Lord, even when we try, we find it hard to make our choice, the things of time lay strong hold upon us, and death is nigh at hand. For Jesus Christ's sake, help us now; in this hour, come unto us, to deliver and protect, and strengthen us, and give us joy and peace in believing here, and its fruition, even life eternal hereafter, the purchase of our Redeemer Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, look upon us, we pray Thee, for we are very weak, and let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, that we may be enabled to see Thy way, and to find strength and comfort to walk therein. Thou hast in mercy given us good things in this life, wherein we greatly rejoice. Thou hast blessed us with a home and its comforts; with friends, with relatives, and acquaintance. Thou hast given to us food and raiment, and Thy sun shines for us, as does Thy moon give us light. The day is ours, and the night is ours; and we have the happy interchange of Summer and Winter. All things pass in their courses for our good. We partake of these benefits, O Lord, but, alas, we forget the Giver; we enjoy them in their turn, but neglect their great Author; we satisfy ourselves; we are glad; we make our profit here; we use the seasons, and their various gifts; but the greatest of all gifts is unremembered, and it is too often as if Christ had not died for our sins, or risen for our justification. We regard the world as our own, and so we live of the world, and love worldly things. Pardon us, good Lord, and shew to us our sin; display to us our folly, and make us to see, by the illuminating influence of Thy Holy Spirit, the greatest, shadowed forth in every lesser gift of Thy Providence, that we may always have in view the great High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, righteous and just, who hast, in mercy, set before us good and evil, life and death; and hast given to each of us the power and free will to choose the one and reject the other, we beseech Thee to enable us, by Thy grace, to make our choice of good, that we may live, and have the life which is eternal. Shew us what the good is, even to know Thee, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent; to study Thy word, to learn its holy requirements, and to walk therein all the days of our lives, even as Christ, our Saviour, walked. Make us to understand how pleasant as well as profitable the good is; how all the joys and pleasures, and content of this our mortal time spring from it, and how without it there is none of them because there is no peace for the wicked. Turn the eyes of each and all of us from the world and its allurements, which are death; let them not claim any share in our heart or affections that we follow them, because we cannot serve Thee and Mammon; we cannot, O God, divide our heart with Thee. Thou requirest the heart, [illegible] e in all its best [illegible] tions of desire, and hope [illegible] ve. And y[illegible] even when we try, we [illegible] l to make [illegible] the things of time [illegible] d upo[illegible] is nigh at hand [illegible] Chr[illegible] now; in this h[illegible] and strength [illegible] lieving he[illegible] after, the [illegible] Thy So[illegible]

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and merciful God, we come unto Thee, in Jesu's name, to seek a blessing, for Thou art ever ready to bless those who come unto Thee by Him. Oh, bless us, we pray Thee, as a household, as a family, a small company, whom we would seek to unite in better ties than those merely on earth; whom we would have banded together as christians, who can love one another. Bless us, O Lord, by such an union; let Thy love animate us; and the love which Jesus ever exhibited whilst on earth instruct us. Let us seek Thee in prayer for grace to follow in His steps, as He went about doing good, and proving to all that love was the motive and end of His life and labors—love to fallen and rebellious man. Bless us with peace of mind; remove from us all apprehension of evil, all fear of danger, because Thou, our loving God, carest for us; and let our eyes be ever turned to Thee as the Giver of whatever peace we enjoy. Bless us with health and strength, that we may, each one, be enabled to work the work assigned to him by Thee. Make us diligent, persevering, patient, knowing that this life is one of trial and trouble; that here we are not to have unmixed joys, but a mingled cup. And bless us, O Lord, according to our several wants; wheresoever we have need there grant a supply, whensoever we require aid then in mercy act, and keep us all in such a frame of mind that we may receive Thy gifts as blessings indeed, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, high and holy, hear us, and accept us, and let our Saviour's name prevail. We plead that name, because it is all-prevailing when uttered in faith, and spoken with hope, and heavenly confidence. Give us now, we beseech Thee, such confidence, that we may seek Thee, knowing we must have the things we ask for, because we possess that confidence. Endue us with such hope as will ever spring from a sure trust in Him who can give us the thing for which we hope; and establish us in that faith which is the very substance of things hoped for, as it is the evidence of things not seen. And, thus strengthened, lead us forth, O Lord, this day to our several duties, and impress us with the necessity we are under to perform them with zeal and diligence, as we must give an account of them at the last to the Judge of quick and dead. Yea, Lord, teach us how to connect in thought every thing we do with that great day, and that fearful account which must come, and which we must render, when we appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Oh, that we could understand this, and be wise, whilst time continues and today is ours; oh, that we could lay to heart the solemn truth that soon the power to do this will be no longer ours; soon all will must cease in us, and by what we have willed and done must we stand or fall. Help us, good Lord, since great is Thy mercy and love, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

WE call upon Thee, O Lord, often as a God of mercy; we ask Thee to shew to us compassion, and to let Thy love shine upon us, and we need them all. But we forget to exercise either one or another of them on behalf of our fellows. Lead us now to examine and see what mercy we have lately shewn, what compassion we have exhibited, what love displayed. Have we sought out the ignorant, and the wayward, the blasphemer, the despiser of Thy word, and told them of judgment to come. Have we named to such as know Him not, a Saviour, the alone sacrifice for sin, and access to the Father. Have we shewn to them a heaven prepared, as well as a hell threatened, for all men; and told of a repentance whereby we forsake sin, and of a faith whereby we may steadfastly believe all the promises of God? Pardon us that we have not done this as we might and ought, and strengthen us to do so for the time to come. Enable us to have compassion upon all men, especially those who are of the household of faith; that we may pity their sufferings, and alleviate their distress, even as Christ had compassion on us all; and let love abound among us; such love as Thou, O God, shewest towards all, that we may abound in all manner of goodness; that we may speak and do such things as Thou wouldest approve, and manifest in our lives the profession of our lips as we call Thee, the God of love, Lord; and Jesus, our Saviour; and the Spirit, our Sanctifier, three Persons and one God, for ever and ever Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our very God, we ask Thee in mercy to hear the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee, who make their supplications unto Thee in faith, and seek Thy face and favor. We have been placed in a land where Thy truth is acknowledged, where Thy word is preached, and Thy sacraments are administered, and we thank Thy holy name for such a proof of Thy mercy and love. O Lord, make us to value it as we ought. Let us not be content to know it was a great and precious privilege, but enable us to use it to Thy honor and glory. Let our prayers ascend daily with those of Thy people in our land, that we may join in bringing down from heaven the many blessings which we seek. Give us grace to improve it to our soul's salvation, that we may live unhurt by the evil which abounds on every side, unseduced by the temptations which look so seductively upon us. May we ever bear in mind that, according to our privileges, so is our responsibility; that, in proportion to the means, will be our reward or punishment at the last. And keep us from all appearance of evil, that we offend not with our tongue, by a lie or deceit, nor mislead even by a look. Though this is hard to do, yet Thy grace is sufficient for us. Oh, be our sufficiency, supply all our need, give us all those spiritual gifts and graces which should adorn a christian, and let Thy Spirit sustain us to the last, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, establish us in the faith, and keep our feet upon the Rock, and order our goings. We have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, and we would know Thee by faith, we would comprehend Thee and live. We have read of that living Rock which is Christ, and we would build thereon; oh, help us, and let not our feet slip when they stand upon that one foundation, but keep us firm until our work be done. Make us to understand the salvation which is ours through Him; enable us to know that glory which He has purchased for us, and those privileges which He has secured on our behalf. Give us, O Lord, earnestness and zeal, that we may determine to spend and be spent in order to secure that salvation; that we may partake of that glory, and enjoy all those privileges. Turn us from the love of sin, which belongs to the natural man, and give to us a love for holiness, without which no man can see Thee. Permit us, O Lord, from time to time, to partake in the many means of grace which Thou vouchsafest to Thy creatures, that, coming to them in faith, we may leave them refreshed; that seeking them with hope, we may find a fruition which no worldly pleasure can afford, nor human power destroy or mar. And let this night's rest be another proof to us of Thy love and favor; let the sleep we may enjoy tell of Thee, and our waking moments be dedicated to Thee, that we may rise more entirely Thine on the morrow, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Creator, our Governor, and our God, we acknowledge that we are the creatures of Thy hands; Thou hast made us and not we ourselves; Thou hast all power, and orderest the events of life, that they may work out Thy will, and that men may know that Thou art God in heaven above and in the earth beneath. O Lord, enable us to live up to this belief; strengthen us to shew it forth in our daily life and conversation; to illustrate it by our words, and to bear it in our thoughts. Set before us the difficulty of doing this; shew us how easy it is to walk with the world whilst we are in the world, that we may be very jealous of every desire, until we have tested it; of every wish, until we have brought it before Thee in prayer. Teach us, O Lord, by Thy Spirit, for it is the Spirit's works, that here we have no abiding city, but that we should seek a city to come, even the habitations of heaven; and then let Him prepare us for the change, that we may be assured and know that the sufferings of this present time, however great they may be are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Thou, O Lord, knowest how to keep us in safety, with Thee is salvation, and with none else, as from Thee and Thee only is heaven, and happiness, and glory. Oh, keep us, good Lord, to that time and that glory; give us a good hope of it, and a sure faith in Thee, O holy Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O MERCIFUL Lord God, let our lips speak Thy praise, and our hearts thank Thee, for Thou hast blessed us. Yea, Lord, because Thou hast again permitted us to enjoy the rest of another Sabbath, therefore, would we praise Thee. Oh, enable us to lay to heart the instruction we have this day received. Grant that the seed sown by the many laborers in Thy vineyard may not have fallen entirely on barren ground, but that much of it may take root, and grow to the increase of truth, and the advancement of Thy kingdom. Pardon, we beseech Thee, the coldness and indifference which have marked the characters and conduct of thousands throughout the hours of our now closing day; and let not the wandering thoughts and silent tongues of those who, even in Thine house, forgot where they were and what they had to do, tell against them at the last. And, in whatsoever way we have offended against Thee, and desecrated Thy sabbath, pardon, oh, pardon us, we earnestly intreat Thee. Let Thy Spirit strive more with us for the time to come; make us to have a growing desire for Thy service; an increasing love for Thy worship; a more abiding sense of the privilege vouchsafed to us that we can enter into Thy courts with our fellows; that we can bend the knee in joint supplication with Thy worshipers, and tell out all our wants in Thine own house. And may we be strengthened and sustained to do this to our live's end, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, we dare again to come into Thy presence, though we are rebellious children, and we presume again to seek Thy favor, though we have very often forfeited it, because Jesus Christ is our surety, and through Him we must find access unto Thee. O Lord, Thou hast often reproved us for our iniquity; Thou hast often corrected us for our sins. We have been spoken to by Thee in the restlessness of an awakened conscience, which could find no peace, because Thou wert angry. We have been told by disappointments, that the things we sought were not good for us, that it was not Thy will that we should have them, and thus Thou didst declare unto us that we should not again seek them, Thou hast checked the flow of earthly affections by the removal of those we loved, lest we should love them too much; and in many ways has Thy reproving hand been upon us, that we might repent and turn unto Thee, and live. Oh, grant that we be not thereby hardened, as some are, lest we be destroyed suddenly, lest Thy threatening come upon us, and we be indeed destroyed, and that without remedy. Deal with us, O Lord, according to Thy tender mercies of old time; be patient, as Thou lovest to be; forbearing, that we may have time to seek Thee and be saved; that we may see Thine hand, and own Thy power in all things, and live unto Thee only, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

ANOTHER day is done, O Lord, and our account is heavier; new responsibilities and duties have been ours, and they must all be brought into judgment. Enable us to lay this to heart; strengthen us to consider it; to ponder over it; and, as we retire to the silence of our chambers, to commune with ourselves, that we may know how we have met them. It is a fearful thing to offend Thee; to awaken Thine anger; and yet we must own that we do so continually, by acts of commission. Turn us, good Lord, and so shall we be turned. For Jesus Christ's sake, let Thy Holy Spirit henceforth lead and direct us, that we may consider well, ere we say or do anything; ere we open the mouth to speak, or put forth the hand to act. Shew us the way in which we may walk safely, the paths in which we may tread, and our feet not slip. Thou hast set the way of life, and the way of death before us; we have the choice of good or evil; we may live for Thee or for the world; for time or for eternity. But it is only by Thy grace and strength that we can do things acceptable unto Thee; that we can work out our own salvation. Oh, work in us, we beseech Thee; leave us uot comfortless, but come unto us, and sustain us in all things. Make our lives living sacrifices unto Thee, and our deaths pleasant, that, whether we live or whether we die, we may be Thine, through Jesus Christ who has redeemed us, and who is our God for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD eternal, to Thee we again come, and seek from Thee that grace which we so much need, to enable us to combat against the trials and temptations which will surround and assail us during this day. We know from sad experience, how numerous they are; we have experienced them too often both from within and without. We have too often been led to murmur against the dispensations of Thy providence, and we have complained because Thou hast not granted us the thing we asked. We have often spoken unadvisedly with our lips, our tongues have said foolish things, and our hearts have conceived evil, yea, even against our neighbor. Our temper has got the better of us, and we have sinned against Thee. O Lord, arise, and help us, for our hour of need approaches. As we go hence to mix with our fellows, as we depart to follow our respective callings, and to do our duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us, let Thy Holy Spirit accompany us, O Lord, and Thy grace be our sufficiency. Let us not run into evil as we have hitherto done, nor let us yield to new temptations which may overtake us. But do Thou give us watchful spirits, suspicious dispositions, and prayerful hearts, that we may be ready, as our blessed Lord was, to meet, and oppose ourselves to every attack, and that we may stand firm in the hour of trial, unmoved, because Thou wert our stay and support. Oh, hear us, we pray Thee, and answer, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU hast spoken often to us, O Lord, and we have not heard, Thou hast called, and we have not answered, and now we come to confess our sins, and to ask for pardon. Be not extreme to mark our misdoings, for they are many, let not our sins rise up against us, lest we be overwhelmed, but let Jesu's blood be our atonement, and let His peace be ours, for we trust only in Him. Open our ears for the time to come, O Lord, that Thy voice may sound upon them, as Thou speakest to us with the rolling thunder, or whisperest in the breeze; and let our eyes see Thee in the beauties of creation; the wonders Thou hast wrought for the children of men. Make us to understand every work of Thine as a message sent in mercy, lest Thy creatures live for themselves, and sacrifice life for the enjoyments of time, eternity for the pleasures of a moment. Endue us with that wisdom which is from above, and by which, and which only, we can know Thee, O Lord, as ourselves, Thy requirements, or our powers to meet and answer them. Let not the delusions of life interfere with that course of joy which is before us, if we will but listen to Thee; let not the enticements of the world draw us away from a close and constant communion with Thee our gracious God; but shew us a Saviour ready to open heaven for us, and a Holy Ghost waiting to give us strength to enter in; and receive us, good Lord, and bless us as we move onward, that we may rest in hope to finish our course with joy, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL Lord, who hast purchased us to Thyself by the blood of Thy dear Son, and ransomed us from death and hell, we beseech Thee to give us a due sense of Thy mercy and love, to plant in our hearts such holy desires and heavenly affections, that we may cleave to Thee as unto our only hope and stay in time or for eternity. Shew to us, we beseech Thee, the great work that Thou hast done on our behalf; let Thy mercy shine forth before us in its fulness, and Thy love be manifested to us in its wide extent; for it is vast indeed. What is man that Thou art mindful of him; what are we, that Thou canst condescend for a moment to regard us, save with anger, as objects fitted only for destruction. And yet Thou sparest us, Thou lettest us live on, if so be that we may repent and turn to Thee with weeping, and fasting, and prayer. O Lord, endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to do this; now, whilst life is ours, strive with us, and lead us to Thyself, that we die not eternally. Convince us of the folly as well as the wickedness of living to ourselves, and not to Thee; yea, Lord, convince us that things of time profit not beyond a season, that, however sweet they may be in possession, they are soon gone; and leave no lasting satisfaction, too often only regret and sorrow that they are ours no longer; and then shew to us the pleasures which spring from Thee, and whose endurance is for ever, that we may be led to seek Thee, and, in Thy due time partake of the bliss of eternity, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast told us in Thy word that the heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, that the imaginations of his heart are only evil continually, and we know, from our own sad experience, that this record is too true. We go about too often attempting to deceive others; we speak untruth with our lips, and guile is in our mouths; we are neither honest to our fellows nor to ourselves; because we indulge our passion, we seek our own interest, and forget that Thou, our God, seest us. If, O Lord, any of us be living in such sin, or if any have forgotten Thee for awhile, and committed it, pardon such one, we beseech Thee, and turn the evil heart. Awaken there a conviction of the iniquity done; of the offence against Thy divine majesty, for Thou wouldest have truth in the inward parts. Open our eyes to see the danger in which we stand by reason of such sin, for we bar from us Thy mercy, and we call for vengeance from Thee. Thou hast promised to give as we give, and to deal with us as we deal with others; how then shall we stand in Thy sight; how face Thee in judgment, if we have forgotten charity, and indulged in malice; if we have spoken a lie in hypocrisy. Lord, enable us to lay this to heart; and so influence us by Thy good Spirit, that we may be led into the steps of our divine Master; that we may study His life, and imitate His actions; that we may walk with Him here, so as to have the assurance that we shall dwell with Him hereafter. Oh, grant this for His sake, for He is Thy beloved Son. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast shewn to us the way of life, Thou hast pointed out to us the paths of righteousness, and Thou hast bid us enter into them, to walk therein and have peace. The world knows not peace, O God, for it lieth in wickedness; the men of the world seek not for peace, because it profiteth them nothing, and they heed not things unseen because they have no faith. Yet Thou hast revealed these things to all men, and by one law must all be judged; the worshiper in Thy sanctuary, and the blasphemer of Thy holy name, high and low, rich and poor, must all stand at the same judgment seat, and receive their sentence from the same books. Oh, let us lay this to heart, and enable us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to examine and prove our own selves, whether we are in this faith, whether we are obedient to Thee our God in all things, and adorning the doctrine of our blessed Redeemer by our life and conversation. The time is at hand; our days are few; life at the longest is brief; and shall we waste a moment; shall we delay to call upon the name of the Lord, and to pay our vows in His presence. Forgive us, good Lord, that we have done this too often. Hours and days have gone by unprofited, and unused; opportunities and means of grace have been neglected; warnings have been despised, and yet Thou sparest us. Now, Lord, now, strive with us, and turn us; set our feet at liberty, that we may run the way of Thy commandments, and keep us to the great day, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we, who entirely desire Thy fatherly protection, again seek Thee ere we close the business of the day, and ask Thee to bless us, through night's solemn hours, for Thy dear Son's sake. Encompass us, O good Lord, with Thy favor, and let Thy blessing rest upon us, for when sleep overtakes us, the powers of darkness may prevail, and danger may fall upon us. Do Thou give us refreshing sleep and rest, such as may fit us for the duties of another day; and make us to remember that more lasting sleep, and that time of which our earthly rest and night are a type, the slumber of the grave. Yea, Lord, grant, we earnestly beseech Thee, to each one of us such a frame of mind, such spiritual feelings, that with each returning eve, we may look to the close of life as a time near at hand, an event which must happen to us all. And, with this thought, send more holy desires into our hearts; implant within us a more active and abiding sense of our state, the great uncertainty when we may be called hence, for Thy message comes often when it is least expected. Let the waking moments we may spend upon our beds be given to Thee, and not to plans of folly, or schemes of profit. As we lie there, let our Saviour's presence cheer, and the Spirit's power sustain us. And, if it seemeth good to Thee, O God, raise us up in the morning with lively gratitude for renewed mercies, and aspirations, for fresh outpourings of grace, that we may live another day as Thy disciples, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, help us to pray, let Thy Spirit sanctify the heart of each one of us that our words may be prayers indeed, the aspirations of faithful desiring souls. We often ask in words the things we want, but we too seldom pray; we often profess to seek Thee, but our act is nothing more than the mere empty form of ignorance or indifference; we often call Thee, Lord, Lord, and yet deny Thee by disobedience and negligence. Pardon our frequent sins we beseech Thee, and endue us now with better spirits. Enable us now to consider and be wise; now to ponder upon the vanity and folly of neglecting Thee, for now Thou mayest be found; now Thou waitest to be gracious; and we know not but, if we now turn with sincerity and love unto Thee as our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus, we may have given to us a peace which none but our God can give, a hope, which a Saviour has made sure, and a confidence in which the Spirit will establish us. Let Thy power be ours, O Lord, and Thy strength our sufficiency. Let us, with each morning, seek that power and strength, that we may pass through the trials and temptations of each day, in safety, and, as each night returns, let us remember by whom and how we have been so kept, that we go to our beds, not forgetful of our merciful God, but rejoicing in Thy mercy, truth, and love. Oh, keep us thus, we earnestly pray Thee, and bless us with all spiritual good, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our very God, there is none in heaven but Thee; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three persons, but one God, there is none like unto Thee, and in this confession, enable us O Lord, our God, to stand, bold and firm, to the end. Let the light of Thy truth flash this solemn and all-important truth into the hearts of thousands who yet know it not. Yea, Lord, rise in mercy, and spare all those by calling them now to the confession of this the right faith; and give us grace to maintain it openly in the sight of all men. Thou wouldest not that any should perish, and yet multitudes are dying everlastingly day by day, because they will not confess Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, because they deny the Lord who bought them, and do despite to to the Spirit of grace, that Holy Spirit who is offered to them as a Comforter and God. Again, O Lord, we earnestly entreat Thee to save them, to call them from the darkness of their ignorance, the blindness of their hearts. Subdue their unruly wills, and proud affections, and turn them unto Thee that they may be saved. And grant that we, who have been permitted to receive this truth; may walk according to it to our lives' end. May it influence every action, and control every thought; may Thy grace help us in every hour, and sustain us in every trial, that at the last we may be partakers with the heavenly host in ascribing all power and dominion to Thee O God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD most mighty, O most holy and everlasting God, who hast the spirits of all men in Thine hands, and orderest our goings; Thou who knowest the hour and place of every appointed event, and canst see, by the wonderful exercise of Thine unerring foreknowledge, how every act of our lives shall further the designs of Thy good Providence on our behalf, and work for our good; we most humbly beseech Thee now to receive us. Give us such humility of spirit, and such subjection of will; such a desire to be lowly in our own eyes, and acceptable only in Thine; such an entire sense of our weakness, folly, and ignorance, that we may come to Thee for a supply of every want; for instruction in every event; for help in every trial; and strength in every difficulty. That we may lay aside every earthly trust; every worldly hope; every human stay; and flee to Thee with the earnestness and zeal of one who is dying and would live, of one who is suffering and would find relief; that we stay not for more light to guide us, but put our feet into the right path at once, knowing not that hereafter we can do it, and that we advance in the spirit and fervor of prayer, determined to run the race that is set before us through faith, fainting not; nor, if weary, flagging, but trusting to Him whose strength will be perfected in us through our weakness. O Lord, in mercy shew us our weakness and give us that strength, even the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, for His sake and merits. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS God and Lord, who art ever more ready to hear than we to pray, endue us now with the spirit of prayer and supplication. Open our dull eyes to see our frailty, and weakness, our utter inability to help ourselves. Give us a saving faith in Thy dear Son, establish in us a firm hope, a comfortable assurance, and so bring us to Thyself. Oh, let not this our evening's assembly be a vain thing, but be Thou present with us, and bless us, sanctify it to our soul's comfort, and give us in it a more abiding sense of Thy majesty, Thy holiness, and power. May we be henceforth more established as Thy disciples, and live more in conformity to our profession as christians. We must own, O Lord, that we are not earnest as we might, and ought to be, in doing this. We consider too much how we may walk amongst men; how we may please our fellows, how we may keep a fair name in the world, but we forget how we appear in Thy sight, and we take too little heed how we may appear. Conscience is lulled, and weary of warning; business grows upon us as a necessity, and the love of pleasure rises into an unsatisfied appetite. And yet, O Lord, we know that we must one day give an account of every word and deed, and that our thoughts must then be laid bare before Thee. Help us, good Lord, whilst time is ours, lest eternity find us the slaves of folly and the bondslaves of sin, and preserve us by Thy Spirit, now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, Thou lover of peace, who wouldest that all men should live in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, look upon us, who are called by Thy name, and who, by Thy providence, are permitted to live together as members of one family, and in one household, let Thy Spirit now and ever so entirely and so fully dwell in, and influence, all our hearts, that we may seek peace in all things and ensue it; that we may cultivate those holy affections and desires which our blessed Lord illustrated by every action of His life, and so prove that we are His disciples, and secure His blessing. Teach us to have compassion one of another; to love as brethren, to be pitiful, to be courteous, not rendering evil for evil, as our fleshly natures would prompt, but for evil uttering a blessing, even as Jesus blessed when death was made His portion. Give us patience to bear with others, even as Thou, for Christ's sake, art patient with us. Make us to remember our own infirmities, our own weakness, and proneness to evil, and then let us suffer those of others with kindness and holy pity. In all things, O Lord, lead us to do to our fellows as we would be done by; being ready to assist, to comfort, and to shew that love rules our every action, even the love of Thee, O Lord our God. Day by day sustain us as Thine own, and on this Thine own day, accompany us with Thy blessing. Let our prayers and praises be heard, and our gathering together in Thy house be acceptable in Thy sight, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast taught us that the tongue is an unruly member, and experience too sadly confirms its truth. Thou hast bid us to bridle it, but we obey Thee not. We profess to love life, and to wish to see good days, but we will not refrain our tongue from evil. Lord, make us to remember how often we have spoken lies in hypocrisy; how frequently we have dissembled with our tongue, and spoken evil of our neighbor which appertained not to him. How we have been ready with vain and idle words, with foolish and unprofitable conversation. Make the remembrance also very bitter to us, and lead us to repentance, lest ruin follow upon our iniquity. Keep henceforth, we beseech Thee, the door of our lips; set a watch upon them that nothing come thereout which may defile, or rise in judgment against us at the last day. But enable us to speak the truth in sincerity; to tell of Thy mercy and goodness, and to proclaim Thy doings on our behalf. And let the instruction we have this day received in Thine house find vent from our lips, that it may profit others as well as ourselves; that it may give activity to our thoughts, and work for our lives, and so secure to us a blessing. And may Thy grace accompany our words, and salvation follow upon them, that we may be instruments of good in Thy hands, and workers together with Thy faithful people to the advancement of Thy kingdom, to the honor of Thy great name, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, our King and Governor, before whom all knees must bow, and to whom all honor is due both in heaven and upon earth, we come into Thy presence as humble supplicants, who need all and have nothing to give. We come, O Lord, because our wants are many, and Thou art our only means of supply; we come, because we would live in Thy favor, and seek Thy grace. Oh, give us grace to see Thee as Thou art, to acknowledge Thee in all Thy fulness, and to worship Thee with lowly spirits, and submissive dispositions. Give to us the spirit which was in Christ Jesus, who was humble in all things and obedient; who came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to do His Father's will. We, O Lord, refuse continually to obey that will, because our spirits are evil; we love the things of life and time; the pleasures of sense take hold upon us, and we follow our own inventions, regardless of Thy law. Enable us, O Lord, to study Thy law with more diligence and zeal, that we may know it better, and so escape the commission of many sins. And, because it requires entire purity of heart, and holiness of disposition, let Thy Spirit dwell in us, to purify us from every sinful lust of the flesh; and to nourish therein holiness, that we may grow in grace, and increase in godliness; that our days may be spent in Thy work, and our evenings in communion with Thee, and that we may be accounted profitable servants, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, merciful and gracious, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him, of all who believe, give us, we beseech Thee such faith, that we may have Thee as our Father, and experience all the blessedness of being Thy children. We know, O Lord, how sweet it is to cleave to those we love on earth; how pleasant to witness their smile, and to hear their words of comfort in affliction or distress. We look with earnestness for their sympathy, and we miss them when they are far away. And, often, O Lord, they are absent from us when we most need them; they have their minds busied with self often, when we would claim their attention. But it is not so with Thee; Thou waitest to be gracious, and Thou art ever present to comfort and to relieve. Oh, make us to see the folly of neglecting Thee; of refusing to have Thee as our Father, whom we ought to obey with filial love and reverence. Alas, Lord, we must own that we are not wise as becometh Thy redeemed; we walk not by the light of the Spirit, we seek not to live here as if we wished to live hereafter. But Thou canst teach us, and give us the heart and desire to learn. Do so, O Lord, our God, now, lest we waste our only day of salvation, and misuse our only means of grace; lest we fall short of the hopes of glory which are so abundantly ours, and die in our sins. For each and all of us we ask; vouchsafe to give us, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou Sovereign of the Universe; Thou who hast created, and who sustainest all things for Thine own honor and glory, we beseech Thee to look upon this nation and people. Look upon the land in which Thou hast made Thy name to shine; take not Thy favor from us; remove not the blessings with which Thou hast so long blessed us, nor let Thine anger be kindled against Thine heritage. Though our sins are great and presumptuous; though the multitude follow after evil, yet consume us not. Remember Thy tender mercies of old time; Thy loving kindness and truth; and, as Thou didst bear long with Thy chosen people, so bear with us; so put away our offences, and be merciful unto us. Send Thy Holy Spirit to strive with us, that we may turn unto Thee—that we may be led into the straight paths, and forsake the crooked paths; that we may see our folly and sin, and repent, with heartfelt sorrow, and deep abasement of spirit; that we may cry unto Thee early and late, and cast ourselves upon Thy loving and tender mercies, and learn to love Thee with such perfectness that we may ever obey Thy commandments, keep Thy law, and make Thee our chosen companion and friend. Yea, Lord, let the light of Thy truth burn brightly in our land; give to us faithful Ministers of the word, ready and willing to shew the way of salvation to all who lack wisdom from on high, and preserve us in the faith of Thy dear Son, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU, O Lord, art our God, and to Thee we owe all we possess; from Thee we have received, and to Thee we ought to render of our good things, and our talents we should devote to Thee; but the flesh is weak. The interests of time are strong upon us; the pleasures of sense struggle for a mastery, and the voice of conscience is lost in the strife; we hear it not. Oh, waken us, we beseech Thee, from the deadly state of error which threatens to overwhelm; put to each of us, O Lord, the solemn question. Art Thou safe? and make each breast echo the sound, and every heart tremble until it can reply—I am safe, O Lord, to Thee be the glory. And then lead us into paths of usefulness; take us into the pleasant paths on which Thy light shineth, and where Thou art found, even the way of Thy commandments. Keep our feet therein that they stray not again. Establish us in Thy truth; convince us of sin, wherever it lurks; or in whatever form. But, above all, shew us the full requirements of Thy law—perfect purity, holiness, uprightness; a heart devoted to Thee, and a will in all things ready to obey; an earnest longing for unbroken communion with Thee; and a ceaseless desire to have Thy peace. These are Thy gifts, O Lord; grant them, in mercy, to each one of us, keep us in the hourly exercise of them, and preserve us by them to the great day of account, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord, and God. Amen.

MORNING.

ARISE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and listen to our cry which we would now make, with unfeigned lips, unto Thee, for mercy, pardon, and peace, through Christ our Saviour. We would plead with Thee His incarnation; that act of exceeding love, which brought Him from a throne of joy and glory to a home of misery and shame; from the companionship of Thee and the service of angels, to the society of blasphemers and murderers. We would plead His life of innocence, his days past without sin, His nights spent in prayer; His hours of teaching, His many moments of bitter agony. We would plead His precious death, that shedding of His blood, without which there is no remission of sins; His resurrection, our hope's confidence, His ascension, our trust and stay, when sorrows environ, and pain and distress are near or upon us. Through and for these, good Lord, hear and deliver us; snap the bands of sin, by which we are bound, in sunder; remove from us the weight of iniquity by which we are pressed down, and are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us; and so make straight our path, and clear our road that we may go on our way rejoicing, and, having finished our warfare, may enter into the joy of our Lord. This is Thy desire, O God, we know, for Thou wouldest not that any should perish; oh, help then, we pray Thee, for vain is the help of man; satisfy with Thy likeness, and that soon; open our mouth with praise in every place and all times, and hear us, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God Almighty, High and Holy, who dwellest in the high and holy place; whose throne is in heaven, Thou, to whom angels bow, and adoring hosts bend in ceaseless adoration and worship; before whom the seraphim veil their faces, and occupy themselves in loud acclaims of glory, honor, and power; we presume, defiled as we are by sin, and bent with iniquity, to come to Thee, with confidence and trust, since a Saviour died for us. Yea, Lord, we know and believe, in our hearts, that Jesus Christ came to save sinners, and, therefore, feeling ourselves to be sinners, we come, to obtain, through Him, remission of our sins, for we would now confess them unto Thee. Oh, open our eyes to see ourselves as we are; to read our own hearts in all their wretchedness and defilement; not to regard them as the children of this world do, for they trust to themselves to secure their own salvation, and think to purchase it by their own deeds, but we would come as abased into Thy presence, as not worthy to pick up the crumbs under Thy table, yet trusting in that mercy which sent an only Son to save a lost and ruined world. Impress this, gracious Lord, upon us; and receive us in such humble spirit, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think; that we may know and acknowledge our sins of thought, word, and deed, and so find the pardon we so much require, and be reconciled to Thee, and enjoy Thy favor for ever. Oh, hear and answer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O HEAVENLY Father and God, who waitest to be gracious, and art ever more ready to hear than we to pray, and who wilt have us pray in the spirit, else wilt not hear our petitions, pour upon us the very spirit of prayer and supplication; give us hearts to understand its nature and efficacy; to feel its importance, and how mercifully Thou hast dealt with us in providing such means by which we may approach Thee, seek Thy favor, and secure a blessing. Thou hast vouchsafed to promise an answer to all who ask in faith through Thy dear Son; and He has told us to ask and receive that our joy may be full. Oh, enable us to ask aright, with confidence, but not presumptuously; in the spirit of our blessed Lord's humble declaration not my will but Thine. We know that whatsoever Thou seest to be good for us, Thou wilt give, be it riches or poverty, sickness or health, joy or sorrow. May we then learn to seek Thee, in the humble dependence of requiring creatures, who cannot remove their own wants or relieve their own necessities; who are totally unable to lessen the lightest burden which is upon them, or even to care for themselves. Oh, give us grace to seek Thee now and to find Thee; open Thou our mouths that we may ask faithfully and so receive effectually, and may Thy Holy Spirit so influence us now, and whensoever we kneel as now at Thy footstool of mercy, that we may leave it comforted and cheered, and full of thanksgivings for fresh mercies in Christ Jesus, in whose name we ask, and in whose words we further pray:—Our Father

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord God, who hast graciously been pleased to reveal Thy will, and to make known Thy commandments unto men, we earnestly entreat Thee to look upon us, who are unacquainted with Thy whole law, and stand in fear of punishment, lest we break any of its solemn injunctions. We know that we cannot of ourselves read Thy word aright; that, if it is to be a light to our feet and a lantern unto our paths, it can only be so under the illuminating influence of Thy Holy Spirit; by His direct agency and guidance. Send Him then into our hearts, to direct us how to read, to open our understandings that we may read with profit, persevering unto the end. And, when we have traced the lines of Thy commandments, to influence us that we may walk therein and go thereby all the days of our lives. Make us to feel how sweet and precious Thy word is, not promising merely temporal enjoyment, not confined to this world, its profits and pleasures; but having a reference to eternity, affecting the things which concern our eternal salvation. Yea, Lord, open our eyes wide to see these things, now, whilst the day continues; now, whilst time is ours; whilst we have opportunity to work out our own salvation, knowing that the night cometh, though we know not how soon to any one of us, in which no man can work. We ask these things in Christ's name, and firm in His promise of the Comforter. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, we thank Thee that Thou hast made Thyself known unto us in Thy various attributes of love, and power, and omnipresence, because we need Thine aid continually, and we thus are led to seek Thee and to trust Thee as an ever present help. We have much to do, O Lord, to act according to our profession; the flesh lusteth in each of us against the spirit, and too often we cannot do the things that we would. We entertain hopes of heaven, we desire to live unto Thee, and we call upon Christ as our Lord and Saviour. We ask the Holy Spirit's influence, and yet we are far from Thee, and our life is as far from the rule of Thy law. Oh, convince us, we earnestly pray Thee, that it would not be so, if we understood rightly Thy love, which waits to give us all we need; which would be gracious unto us, and sustain us, and remove every difficulty out of our way. Shew to us Thy power to accomplish every desire, to do for us, yea, far more abundantly than we could desire; and then teach us that Thou art present in every place, and at every time to direct, control, and sustain all things, since by Thee all things were made, and in and for Thee only they consist. And humble us in our own eyes; take from them the scale of pride, and all prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from walking before Thee in the land of the living, that we may, by Thy grace, be kept from the snare of evil, and preserved unto the great day, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord God, who hast compassion on all men, and hast appointed them as stewards upon earth of the good things which Thou hast given unto them; we beseech Thee to teach us, by the many proofs of Thy love which we experience, and by the compassion which Thou dost exhibit on our behalf, how we should deal with others, if we would prove ourselves to be Thy disciples. Thou hast dealt graciously with us; enable us to deal with others, that we may neither forfeit Thy affection, nor shew an indifference to it. Thou hast given us many good things, with which our hearts have been made glad; endue us with the spirit and desire to promote the joy of all within our reach, whensoever we can, and create in us such lively endeavors to serve Thee, that we may seek to do Thy work on behalf of all Thy creatures, even to serve them for Thy sake. Remove from us the evil spirit of pride which must hinder us in pursuing our onward course in peace, because it is opposed to the spirit which was in Christ Jesus. And do Thou, in mercy, set Him before us, in his lowly life and merciful conduct, that we may strive above all things to imitate Him in His life and conversation. Take away from us all grudging when we give; all thought of self, of every thing which may hinder us from that singleness of purpose, the desire to serve Thee, which only can make our deeds pleasing in Thy sight, and accept them all in the name and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS Lord God, we would acknowledge Thee to be our God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. We would call Thee Father, because Jesus Christ has died to reconcile Thee unto us, that we might be Thy children, the heirs of Thy eternal kingdom. We would worship Thee and serve Thee, since the Holy Spirit has been promised to guide us into all truth, and to enable us to do all things whatsoever Thou requirest. Oh, impress upon us, good Lord, our responsibility before Thee, our various duties, and the only means by which we can perform them. And then let Thy Spirit quicken us from the dull state of indifference into which we too often fall, and give us the light which was in Christ Jesus. Let Thy grace be especially present with every one of us, O Lord, who form this household, that we may live in unity, and godly love, that we may seek, not our own, but each other's profit; that we may endeavor to lighten each other's burden, and learn to sympathise with each other in every joy and every sorrow. Yea, Lord, give to us all tender compassionate hearts, and prayerful spirits, that we may earnestly contend with and for each other, that we may all be saved at the last, and meet here, as we would do from time to time, to learn the way to heaven. Grant this, O Lord, and all those things which we so much need, but for which, from our weakness we cannot ask as we ought, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

TO Thee, O Lord our God, we again bring our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise, and bless Thy holy name for all Thy benefits. Thou hast preserved us to the close of another week; Thou hast given us, during its continuance, many good gifts, and Thou vouchsafest to us another means of grace. Oh, enable us to use it as we ought, by faith in the blood of Jesus, that we may rise from our knees comforted and refreshed, and go to our chambers in cheerfulness and joy, because we know that Thou upholdest us. Let our lives praise Thee, O God, and our lips proclaim Thy goodness among our fellows; let our voices be heard, and our works seen, and all men know that we are Thy disciples. It is Thy work to convert us from the error of our ways, to shew us the sinfulness of sin, and to establish us in holiness of living. Begin, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that work in the heart of each one of us in which it has not already been begun; and continue and perfect it with any who have been graciously led to turn unto Thee in penitence, and with prayer. Keep us all from the taint of fresh sin, and suffer us not to be tempted, lest we fall, and forget Thee, and deny our Saviour, and be cast out. And let our silent meditations in our chambers be of Thee, and our aspirations be for the morrow's dawn, that we may enter into Thy courts again and worship Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, our blessed Saviour, in whose name, and into whose death, we have been baptised, impress this solemn truth upon our hearts and consciences, and let it be so written there, that it may be as a sign unto us when we go out and when we come in, and in whatsoever we put our hands unto. We acknowledge, O Lord, that Thou didst die for our sins, and rise again for our justification; we confess that as Thou wast raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. And yet we must also confess—oh, let our confession be sincere—that we have preferred the old ways, that we have delighted in the old pastimes, and sought the world rather than Thee for our pleasures. We have been too much conformed to this world, and its vanities and follies. Turn us, good Lord, turn us. Let Thy light shine upon us, and Thy glory be revealed unto us, that we may die unto sin, and live unto Thee; that we may cast off from us that love of this world which brings with it only misery in the world to come, whilst it does not secure to us even real enjoyment or pleasure here. Day by day, good Lord, strive with us, and soften our hard hearts; let Thy Spirit overcome our rebellious spirits, and give us all grace to turn unto Thee now, to seek Thee whilst Thou mayest be found, and to put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy and goodness, for Thou art our only Saviour, and our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our Creator, and Redeemer, be present with us, we beseech Thee in our evening service. We have been privileged to enter into Thy courts, and to join with Thy worshiping people in their prayers and praises, and we bless Thy holy name for such great mercy. Grant that we may not have offered the sacrifice of fools, uttering words, which found not their origin in our hearts. And grant, O Lord, that the instruction which we heard from the book of life, and from Thine appointed minister, may not have been wasted upon us, less valued than the passing breeze of summer. Do Thou seal upon the hearts of many, the great truths which have this day been proclaimed throughout our land, that it may have been a day of rejoicing in heaven, even in Thy presence, O Lord, our God. Let the remembrance of this day be sweet unto us in after time, as a day of grace, a day when we were glad in our God, and in which the Spirit strove with us so effectually. And bless all those who have ministered faithfully for Thee, who have distributed the bread of life, and called Thy people to drink of the waters of comfort. Oh, give to them of that bread and that water in abundance, and keep them by Thy great power, as true disciples of their Lord and Master, and make them bold to proclaim the truths they shall learn from Him, that they and we may be saved together at the last, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, we come into Thy presence at the opening of another period of work, remembering that it is Thy law—Six days shalt Thou labor, and do all that Thou hast to do. Yea, Lord, we cannot forget this, though we may refuse to obey it. Strengthen us, O Lord, for the task; enable each one of us to meet and overcome the difficulties with which he may meet as the days pass by, and to rely on Thee for Thy merciful aid. Preserve to us that health, without which life is but one continued burden; and, having health, make us to rejoice in it as Thy gracious gift, and to preserve it with anxiety and care. Let not temptation assail us, O Lord, because we are powerless to withstand, unless the Spirit help our infirmity; and, when it does arise, be Thou present to comfort, and sustain us. Let all our doings be begun, continued, and ended in Thee, and so secure to us peace. Give us that cheerfulness of disposition which a sense of Thy favor must bring; and teach us how good and pleasant it is to dwell in the light of Thy countenance, and to be under the shadow of Thy wings, for then our path is plain before us, and no evil can come nigh to hurt us. And let us not forget Thee in any thing which we are now about to do, but, committing ourselves entirely into Thy hands, let us go forth to our work and labor secure of a blessing. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our merciful God, who showerest down Thy blessings upon us in rich abundance, let not our hearts forget Thee as we, day by day, partake of them. Oh, preserve us henceforth from the ingratitude, of which we have too often been guilty, and which the sons of men so sadly evince, towards Thee. We receive Thy benefits, and we partake of Thy mercies, but we acknowledge not the Giver. We rise with health and strength in the morning; we are refreshed with comfortable sleep, and we forget from whom they all come, we neglect to praise Thee, and to thank so gracious a Benefactor. We see all bright around us, and pleasant visions of this world's riches and goods fill our distance, and we neglect to turn unto Thee to ask for power to enjoy them, or that they may be sanctified unto us. We find peace within our walls, and prosperity in the land; we see all things smiling for us, but we refuse to acknowledge Him who ordered all for our good. Pardon, good Lord, and help us. Strive with us yet again and again, and be merciful unto us. Leave us not utterly, nor take Thy Holy Spirit from us. Let us begin and end each day with prayer. Let us walk forth in the spirit of prayer, and let the voice of our praise be heard abroad. And do Thou, O God, accompany us with Thy blessing; do Thou make our way to prosper, and keep our feet that they slip not; and accept these and all our prayers, for the sake of Thy dear Son, and hear us further in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD of our salvation, incline Thine ear unto us, and bless us, and let Thy Spirit sanctify our meeting, and the name of Jesus give efficacy unto our prayers. We pray Thee in His name, to be merciful unto us, and to bless us. Be not extreme, O Lord, to mark what we have done amiss; let not our sins, which cry for judgment against us, bring down Thy righteous vengeance, but spare us yet a little while, that we may repent, and turn unto Thee, ere we go hence and be no more seen. The day of salvation soon passes, for Thy Spirit will not always strive with man; the hour of grace is soon gone, for we are cut down as a flower of the field, and our place knows us no more. The means and opportunities neglected when vouchsafed may never recur, and our only hope may be destroyed by a moment's folly. Teach us to use them all as of Thee, and enable us to apply our hearts unto wisdom. Endue us with power from on high, to walk according to our profession as disciples of a crucified Redeemer, who went before us to shew the way to heaven, even a faithful obedience in all things to Thy will and law. Establish us in all our goings that our foot slip not; sustain us, lest we faint under the burden of life, and quicken us by Thy good Spirit. Oh, let Thy strength be ours now and to our lives' end, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, who hast revealed unto us the resurrection of the dead, and given to us an assurance that all mankind shall rise again by the raising up of Thy dear Son from the grave, we beseech Thee to enable us to contemplate that period with holy awe, but anxious desire. Give us grace to contrast things temporal with things eternal; to weigh the possessions of time and sense in the same balance in which we would place those joys which Thou hast reserved for us at Thy right hand for evermore, that we may learn the real value of both, and, clinging to the greater, have our joy from Thee. Give us power to withstand all the seducing glitter of temporal things; nor let the scales of prejudice blind us to the real value of things eternal. We know that we all must die, and all appear in judgment; we know that by our works shall we be judged, and that, according to our faith, so shall our works stand. Endue us with that saving faith; such faith as Thy chosen servant of old shewed when he raised his hand, at Thy bidding, to slay his only Son, and keep us in the same to our lives' end. Make us so earnest in well doing that our confidence may be sure, and that we may look with more desire to the great judgment than to any promised event, because we know that our Redeemer liveth, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who hast entered into covenant with us, and given us great and gracious promises, that we might be encouraged to come unto Thee, we most humbly beseech Thee to set them before us in their full importance; to shew them to us as they are, in value, beyond any thing the world can afford, or life secure. They are, we know, not confined to time, though they belong to this scene of our probation, even to the life which now is, but they extend to eternity. They bring before us heaven, and all the riches of an eternal kingdom, joys which will not fail, pleasures which can neither fade nor disappoint. They are not uncertain, for Thou, our God, hast spoken them, and Jesus Christ has died to insure them, and the Holy Spirit will enable us to realise them. They are not limited to any age, or race, or number of men, but they are given to all, even as Christ died for all, and the Spirit sanctifieth all. Oh, let that Spirit now strive with us, and shew us how foolish and vain we are to trust to ourselves, and despise Thy promises, to seek this life, and refuse the life which is eternal. O Lord, now whilst the offer is ours; now whilst Thou waitest to be gracious; now whilst we can put forth our hand, and seize the proffered gift; now whilst we have power to call unto Thee, let us be guided by Thy Spirit, and turn from all our evil ways, and accept Thy promises, and bless Thee ever, as we should do, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our gracious God, from whom all things proceed, we the creatures of Thy hand, the sustained of Thy providence, come before Thee with our evening sacrifice. Accept us for the sake of Thy beloved. Let Thine ears be open to our prayers, and let an answer follow on our petitions. We would beseech Thee to wean us from the world; to draw our affections from the things of time and sense; to teach us the folly of earthly amusements, and the vanity of worldly joy. Enable us to see the value of an immortal soul, to understand the work we have to do, that it perish not, for each of us has a soul in his keeping for eternity. Give us patience in the great work which is before us; diligence, and perseverance, that we faint not, nor become weary, whilst we should labor for that meat which will nourish the soul, and sustain it. Great is Thy goodness, O Lord, for Thou givest to all men who seek from Thee in faith liberally, and upbraidest not. Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Let us then cleave to Thee as to a sure refuge; let us seek Thee more earnestly, the more sorrow, or difficulty, or danger surround us; let our weary minds turn to Thee for refreshment and rest, and let every one of us feel and know that Thou waitest to be gracious, and that Thou wilt accept us, if we will come unto Thee. O Lord, accept and hear us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast, in mercy, opened out to man the great scheme of redemption, and hast made for him a way to escape the condemnation in which he lies by nature, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, to make that way clear unto every one of us. Shew to us the light of Thy truth; set before us Thine abundant loving kindness, that we may be led to seek Thee with earnestness and zeal, as a kind friend and compassionate Father. Humble us from all pride and prejudice; take from us every evil thought, and let not unbelief step in to mar the fair work of redemption, or to keep any one of us from Thee. Purify us from every taint of the flesh and spirit, and enable us to perfect holiness in the fear of Thee. Convince us, O Lord, for it is the Spirit's work, of the natural sinfulness of our nature; of our entire alienation from Thee; our inability to do any thing good or pleasing in Thy sight of ourselves, or by our own strength, which is but weakness. Deal with us as beloved children, and whatsoever may promote in us godliness, the love of Thee, devotion to our great Master's cause, and obedience to the Spirit's strivings, that do unto us, and bless us, for we would so pass through things temporal that, finally, we lose not the things which are eternal. Hear and answer, we beseech, for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU, O Lord, art King; Thou reignest over all; though man rebel, Thy dominion continues, and we must all bow to it, or die. Oh, be very gracious unto us, and teach us how to serve, and how to live, that we may not serve Satan, that we may not follow the unruly lusts of the flesh, nor give ourselves to a world that lieth in wickedness. Keep us, by Thy grace, lest the strong current of human desires and passions carry us headlong into sin and ruin. Let the wholesome restraints, which Thy law lays upon us, be studied and sought by every one of us, and let us strive, in Thy strength, to maintain those rights and privileges which were given to us in baptism. Thou didst then vouchsafe to us the rights of sons and daughters; Thou didst give us a title to call Thee Father; and heaven was then set before us as our inheritance. Enable us to live with Thee as children; to look up to Thee as a Father, fearing to offend Thee, and desirous to please in all things. And keep our feet that we wander not. Oh, let us not, for one hour, turn to the pleasures, or listen to the persuasions of life, and the world, lest we be cut off in our sin, ere, as we vainly imagined we might do, we can return unto Thee and live. And let the name of Jesus prevail for us, and the strength of the Spirit help and sustain us, that we may know we are Thy children indeed. Amen.

MORNING.

WE are again in Thy presence, Almighty God, and we have met together professedly to worship Thee, and to give the honor due unto Thy name, but, unless Thy Spirit aid us, we cannot pray unto, or glorify, Thee. We may open our lips, but nothing we utter shall reach Thine ear, we may ask, but no answer shall follow. Oh, let then Thy Holy Spirit be now present with us, and so influence the heart of each, that our words may be an acceptable offering, and that we may have our wants supplied. But, whilst we ask for the outpouring of Thy Spirit upon us, give us such a lively faith in the fulfilment of Thy promises, that we may indeed receive, to the satisfying of our souls, and to our great and endless comfort. And let us not be deluded by the idea that the precious gift has been vouchsafed, when we are merely led by excitement, or moved by enthusiasm. Suffer not such a vain notion to possess us, but the more desire we feel, and the more power we have, to pray, the more incite us, and make us the more diligent, that we may pray without ceasing, that we may rest not in our entreaties until Thou bless us. And convince us of the great privilege of thus holding communion with Thee, that we may urge it upon others, that we cease not to proclaim the truths which Thou hast so graciously taught us, until all we know and all we love can join us in a faithful prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

LET not our hearts be troubled, O Lord God, but give us a sure and abiding trust in Thy mercy and goodness. Let us not doubt, but instil into us such a firm reliance on Thy word, which is truth, that we may go on our way rejoicing, and tell of Thy goodness day by day. O Lord, it is more than we can express; we experience it in every hour and in every place; and each event of our lives displays it. Let us not go forth, then, unmindful of Thee, nor, when day declines, sit down regardless of all Thy mercies, but open our mouths to speak of Thee, and let our hearts meditate on Thee, and be Thou present in all our thoughts even as Thou art about our path, and spiest out all our ways. Let us remember that we cannot hide any thing from Thee, and then act as if we had nothing to hide. Give us the bold front of honesty of purpose. Suffer us not to be ashamed that we are Thy disciples; lest the scoff or the sneer may keep us from an open avowal that we are Thine. The more sin abounds, make us the more anxious to shew the power of grace; yet keep us humble, as Thy instruments. Make us to know, and to evidence before the world, and at all times, that we have not any power to help ourselves; and make us to feel that we cannot do any thing acceptable in Thy sight, unless Thy Spirit accompany us, and give us the needful strength. And preserve us by Thy goodness to our lives' end, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, we pray Thee to let Thy Holy Spirit now descend upon us, that our worship may be acceptable unto Thee. We would worship Thee as our God, our Creator, who didst make us out of the dust, and who hast sustained us unto this hour for Thine own glory; and we would ask Thee to vouchsafe to us the hearts of obedient loving creatures. Let us not be satisfied to say, Lord, Lord; let us not rest content that we have called upon thy name with each opening day, and asked many things agreeable to us, but give us the earnest and continuing desire to do such things as are agreeable to Thee, to work out our salvation. O Lord, shew to us the difficulty of this task; convince us that it is no light matter to act up to our christian profession, and that we cannot do it in our own strength. This day go forth with us; let Thy wings overshadow us, and Thy mercy be around us; keep us from all temptations, or, if they do arise, strengthen us to resist. Keep our feet that they slip not. Preserve us from all bodily danger; let not suffering or disease overtake us. And should we escape the evils to which we are all so liable, make us duly thankful, that our spirits may rejoice in Thy mercy, and that we may serve Thee better than we have done; that we may worship Thee more constantly, and obey Thee more strictly. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, who hast again permitted us to approach Thee, at the close of another week, we earnestly beseech Thee to endue us with the spirit of praise and thanksgiving now that we have met in Thy dear Son's name. We would declare Thy goodness to us; we would tell of Thy mercy on our behalf; for we have, indeed, received from Thee good things. The light of day, and the light of truth have both shone for us; we have been fed and sustained by Thy bounty, and whatsoever we have to enjoy was Thy gift. When we cast our eyes around, all things speak of Thee, O God; and within us, when there has been peace, it was Thy doing. But above all, we would praise Thee for the comforting assurance that there is a heaven, a place of rest prepared for us, and that Jesus Christ has made it sure. Oh, let this be our joy, when troubles oppress or sorrows come; let this be our consolation, when friends fail, or our good things pass away; and when sickness is over us, let this be our support, that should it be unto death, it will only open to us a happier home. And prepare us, O Lord, for that great change; make us to keep it in mind; to ponder over it, and to speak of it, that we may be ever ready to meet our God. And let each one of us remember the account all must one day give at the judgment seat of Christ, and, in that recollection, cleave to Him as our Saviour, our Mediator, and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, we would come before Thee this morning in the language of confession; we would open our lips to Thee, as humble penitent sinners, who have gone astray, and forsaken the covenant of their youth, and forgotten Thee their God. We have, indeed, left those paths in which our feet were placed, because our flesh is weak; we have yielded to temptation, and given way to sin; we have obeyed the dictates of our naughty natures, and indulged in uncleanness, and iniquity. We have lived too much as if this life were all, and as if we had only to eat, drink, and be merry. And yet, Lord, we have all the while known better; we have been taught better things; and our lips have often uttered what we knew. Give us, we beseech Thee, a due sense of our sin, and exhibit to us our folly; call us away from the vain indulgencies of life, the profitless pleasures of time. Set before us the benefits of a holy life; the precious privileges which belong to those who follow after godliness, and make Christ their example. And, as we have yielded our members servants to uncleaness, and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now enable us to yield our members servants to righteousness, unto holiness, and bless us that we may have our fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life. And these things we ask, O God, not in our own name, nor for our own sakes, but in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Redeemer, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most merciful; Thou God, whose bounty never fails, and whose hand is ever open to bestow benefits on Thy creatures, we beseech Thee to hear us. Thou, who canst supply every want, both spiritual and temporal, and who lovest to hear the petitions of those who ask the supply they need in Thy dear Son's name, we entreat Thee to listen to our voice of supplication, and to increase our faith, that we may ask aright. We have already been fed, thanks be to Thy great mercy with the bread of life, which Thou hast blessed to the nourishment of souls; we have already tasted the grateful food; but we have not learnt to love it as we ought. We have not overcome the natural appetite for other food, and sought to be fed only by that bread which came down from heaven. Human knowledge has been too grateful to us; and we have thought ourselves wise when we were fools. O Lord, give us the appetite and desire which shall make us long for more of that holy bread; which shall lead us to seek for it early and late; and which shall never rest until Thou hast satisfied us. And, when we have fed upon it, grant that we may endeavor to lead others to seek it, urging Thy promise, which cannot fail, that they who seek shall find it. And preserve us, we humbly, but most earnestly beseech Thee, in the strength of that food, through every trial, and in every temptation, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Guide, who vouchsafest to make a way for Thy wandering children, and to be a light upon the path they tread; we, Thy erring creatures, who have gone astray, far, far from the path of righteousness, most earnestly beseech Thee to pardon the past, and, for Christ's sake, to blot it out from the book of Thy remembrance, lest our misdeeds be our ruin. Set our feet in the right way; establish us therein, and this day go before us; be present, we pray Thee, wheresoever we are, or whatsoever we do, to sanctify our work, and to purify our thoughts; keep us both in our goings out and comings in from all evil and danger, which may beset our path, and threaten eternal ruin. Make us to see the naughtiness, and deceit of our own hearts, and to put no trust in ourselves; to walk as those who fear to stumble, and are careful in every step. Endue us with a full sense of Thy loving mercy in Christ, that we may never hesitate or delay to seek Thine aid; but may cast all our care upon Thee, knowing that Thou carest for us. Be also with our friends and relations; sanctify them by Thy Spirit, give them a saving faith; a right understanding of the things which belong to their peace. Look, Lord, on those who are far out of the way; recall them into the narrow path, and keep them therein. Make them to see the folly, as well as the sinfulness of sin; how unprofitable it is, even to secure us joy or peace here, how sure to bring us to everlasting misery and shame hereafter. And hear us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O MERCIFUL God, who didst make the heavens and earth of old; who didst fashion them, and then create man to dwell therein for a little while until he should be fitted to live with Thee in heaven, vouchsafe to us, whom Thou hast made for Thyself, such a measure of Thy grace that we may, indeed, walk as Thine. Destroy within us that love of evil which estranges us continually from Thee; remove that enmity which keeps us far out of the way of Thy commandments, and which hides Thy face from us. Renew in us, O Lord, a right spirit. Awaken us from that dullness of perception, that deadness of feeling which will not allow us to know Thee, Thy nature, purity and holiness. We think we can do all things well; and though we say not so with our tongues, yet our daily walk and conduct proves this. We flatter ourselves that all is right within, because we would not hurt our fellow men; but deceit and lies are the inhabitants of our hearts, and we go astray. Oh, remove from us, we beseech Thee, such error, and sin; shew us ourselves in Thy word; set before us, by Thy Spirit's light, our vileness; our inability to do anything good of ourselves. Convince us of our frailty, and proneness to evil, and break our stubborn hearts. Thou canst speak the word and it is done. Oh, speak now, good Lord; ere we rise from our knees, let Thy voice reach the heart of each one of us, that we may never again bend the knee but to Thee our God and Lord, that no wandering thought may again turn our prayers to sin, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

LORD of all power and might, the Author and Giver of all good things, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, and who in pity to our infirmities givest us good gifts which we neither desired nor deserved; give us now, we pray Thee, a thankful heart for all Thy mercies; instil into us a love of Thy name, that we may learn to worship and serve Thee in sincerity and affection, to love Thee with godly fear, and to cleave unto Thee all the days of our life. But, because we cannot do this of ourselves, nor observe those things which Thy law imposes, send Thy Holy Spirit to take up His abode in us, to turn us from sin and Satan unto Thee, to purify us from the foul taint of sin, which cleaves unto us by nature, and to be our Guide and stay unto our lives' end. Bless every member of this household according to their several wants; that we may all dwell in unity, having one hope, one faith, and one object, the attainment of eternal felicity. Let Thy light shine far and wide around and from us; that men, seeing our good works, may in them read Thee their Author, and glorify Thee for Thy power and goodness; may seek Thee, if they have hitherto found Thee not; and, having found, may make Thee their stay for ever. Be present with our Sovereign and the rulers under her, in all their deliberations, that they may tend to the advancement of Thy glory, the establishment of Thy truth, and the preservation of true religion in the land. Oh, grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord, and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, our Creator, and Preserver, hear our prayer, and listen to us, now that we are met together in Thy dear Son's name, looking for His promised presence, to hallow our meeting, and to sanctify our hearts. We feel that we have, indeed, much cause to seek His presence, that He may strengthen us, and enable us to pray as we ought; with humble confidence, as unworthy to approach Thee, but trusting in Thy loving mercy, to receive us when we do come. Subdue, we pray Thee, within us, all rebellion against Thy will and law, all disobedience to Thy commandments; check us when we would go astray, and recall us to the right path. Make our way smooth before us, lest we stumble, or fall. Instil into our minds the love of Thy name, that we use it neither lightly nor profanely; but that we utter it with deep reverence and godly fear, knowing that Thou art a jealous God, and wilt avenge Thyself for such sin. Visit the poor and afflicted in this land; enlighten their understandings that they may seek Thee early, and seek from Thee the good things they so much need, and which only Thou canst give to them. Stay them by Thy Spirit that they murmur not, but bear the visitations of Thy hand with patience and meekness. Shew them the vanity of earthly possessions, how fleeting they all are at the best, and how entirely unprofitable to secure eternal happiness, that pearl of great price. And bless us all with content and joy, and keep us Thine, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD and heavenly Father, who hast all things in Thy hands, and orderest our goings, if we seek Thine aid and guidance, we beseech Thee to give us grace to study Thy holy word, with the earnest desire to find out the way of salvation. Make that precious book a lantern and a light unto us; enable us to read in it things which belong to our eternal peace, and grant that we never take it into our hands but with a prayer that we may profit thereby. We may, indeed, read in it, but only become more dead in trespasses and sins; we may study it, and only become more hardened in our iniquity, for, unless Thy Spirit breathe upon us, there will be no light, and without light there can be no understanding. Shew us the true meaning of Thy word, not only in the letter, but in the spirit, that our hearts may be convinced and believe; that our consciences may be pricked, and remain alive; and that we may turn to Thee with all our heart, and mind, and strength, and worship Thee as our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus. Let that book be our ever companion; our solace and joy; our hope and stay; our instructor; and, having once received it, enable us to cleave to it with the energy of life, and to trust it, with the confidence of an assured hope; and then shall we indeed bless Thy holy name for so great and gracious a benefit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, Thy voice speaketh in all things, and Thou art everywhere present. The breeze that blows tells of Thee, as well as the mighty wind and the tempest. We cannot walk abroad but some work of Thine appeals to us, and bids us rejoice in the name of the Lord most High. Oh, grant that we may have this great truth impressed, not only on our memories, but upon our hearts. Let it continue with us as an active principle, which shall display itself in our daily movements, be they for business, or in the pursuit of pleasure. And teach us, so that we may understand the voice, when Thou condescendest so to speak to us; that we may see and acknowledge Thy great power in the operations of Thy hands, the sun and moon which Thou hast created, and the small insect of our path which is also from Thee, and sustained by Thy providence. Let us often, as we go forth, stay our feet to think of Thee; to muse on Thy love; to ponder on our own littleness, even when we think we are the greatest. And shew us how to learn humility of spirit from such contemplations, for what man, with his best power, or most cunning device, can equal the meanest of Thy works, O God. Lead us then to Thyself in lowly reverence, teach us to contemplate Thee in Thy works, both of grace, and providence, and give us grace and favor in Thy sight, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour, and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, merciful and gracious, who hast never forgotten the creatures whom Thou hast created, but who watchest over them all with a fatherly care, give us, we beseech Thee, as the work of Thy hands, filial love. Implant in us a due sense of Thy greatness, Thy holiness, Thy power, that we may fear to offend Thee; and shew us Thy love, that we may learn to love Thee. Enable us to seek Thee with an earnest desire to find Thee, that we may understand Thy ways, that we may learn Thy law, and that we may walk therein all the days of our life. We know that we cannot do these things of ourselves; we are not able, without Thine aid, even to think any thing that is good. And yet we continually refuse that aid; we despise the all-prevailing name of Jesus, and we will not yield to the Spirit's influence. Thy merciful reasonings with us are all in vain; Thy gracious dealings only serve to harden our hearts, and, because we have ease, and can enjoy the good things of life, therefore, our heart is more hardened, our minds cleave to vanity, and we love only the world and its unsatisfying pleasures. Let Thy mercy, Lord, still be with us, and Thy pardoning grace accompany us. Let the name of our Redeemer plead for us, and the Holy Spirit yet strive with us, and let us turn to Thee with penitence and prayer, and find mercy and peace, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Almighty, Thou eternal God, with whom do dwell the spirits of just men made perfect after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, we most humbly beseech Thee to let Thy Holy Spirit take entire possession of our hearts and spirits, that we may be moved by His godly motions, and be led to do such things as are in accordance with Thy will and law. Thou canst order the unruly wills and affections of men, and ours often rebel, O Lord; Thou canst fashion us as it seemeth good to Thee, and we need Thy hand to frame us as we ought to be. Do Thou now begin the work, and perfect it in us. Shew us objects of desire, worthy of immortal beings; place before us things upon which creatures, born for eternity, may wisely set their affections; and wean ours from the unsatisfying objects of time, the poor things of sense, the vain and fleeting pleasures and profits of a world which lieth in wickedness. Subdue within us all hurtful lusts; and convince us of the injury they effect, in their indulgence, to the body, as well as the ruin which they bring upon the soul. And let Jesus Christ be our example. As He found work to do for the world, but not of the world, so let us endeavor to seek out occupations which may fit us for mansions of glory; doings of which we shall not be ashamed when we stand before the Judge of quick and dead, but which may place us at His right hand for evermore, for His sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, we have heard of Thee, we have read of Thee, and we believe that Thou art our God, even our God, for ever and ever. We have received of Thy bounty; and we have sometimes—alas, how seldom—acknowledged the gift and thanked the Giver. We have seen Thy works, the operations of Thy hands, for Thy lightnings have flashed around us, and Thy thunders have been loud in our ears. We have rejoiced in the sunshine, and seen the glad shower descend to replenish the earth; and we have known that it was Thou, O God, who gavest the one, and didst, in great mercy, vouchsafe the other. Yet, we have walked abroad, and men have not been able to know that we were Thine; we have associated with our fellows, and they have had no proof that Thou wert in our thoughts, much less that Thy law was written in our hearts, for we have loved the world more than Thee; we have lived as if we were made for time, and not for eternity. And now that Thou hast spared us to another day, and we are again to move about; oh, grant that it be not with us as heretofore; grant that we do not forget Thee, and Thy ways; that we do not reject the strivings of the Spirit, nor refuse a Saviour's council, but enable us to shew our light, and improve our knowledge, to Thy honor and glory, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, whose throne is in heaven, who beholdest all the inhabitants of the earth, and to whom the secrets of every heart are known, we most humbly beseech Thee to enable us ever to remember that we are in Thy sight, and that we can hide nothing from Thee. Impress upon us this great and important truth, that it may, by Thy grace, be a check against sin, and a warning against error; that we may fear to harbor any evil thought, to indulge any vain imagination, or to think upon any thing which we cannot justify out of Thy word, or which Thy strict law will not permit. And to this end, lead us to study, with dilgence and zeal, that book which Thou hast so mercifully given to us, as a lantern unto our feet, and a light unto our paths, and whereby we may be throughly furnished unto all good works. Make us to love it as the most precious gift which man possesses, and enable us to use it as our blessed Lord did in his pilgrimage here on earth, for He was tempted like as we are, and He was our example that, resisting temptation, we might learn from Him, how to resist, and how to stand firm unto the end. And give us all grace to follow that example in time, that we may be His through eternity. Enable us to perfect holiness, in the fear of Thee; and to feel and know that we are Thine indeed. Oh, hear and answer, we beseech Thee, for Jesu's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST holy Lord God, who hast established Thy church upon earth, building it upon the holy Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief foundation stone, we most humbly beseech Thee, in Thy mercy, to keep us as true and lively members of the same to our lives' end. Let us not, with our lips merely, boast ourselves of the precious privileges vouchsafed to us when we were admitted into it by baptism, but let us shew forth, by our lives, that we value and understand that privilege; and that we are determined, by Thy grace and help, to use and retain it to our souls' comfort. Give us hearts so deeply affected by that love which placed us within the hearing of the Gospel, and which raises up for us, from time to time, faithful men to explain to us that Gospel, that we may bow before Thee with holy gratitude, and obey Thee with fervent zeal, and heavenly love. Let us not be deluded by any vain notions, and let not pride of heart lead us astray, but let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, and be enabled to give to every one that asketh a reason for the hope that is in us. Unite us all of this household, that we may, as one, entertain that hope, and maintain the faith, illustrating it in our practise, our life, and conversation, in every hour, and under every circumstance, that we may do all things to the honor of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our God, Thou gracious and merciful God, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that every man should come unto Thee to be saved, and hast sent forth Thy messengers, in the name of and as ambassadors for Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel, we pray Thee to bless all those who, in any place, now proclaim the glad tidings in our benighted land. O Lord, open their mouths to speak with boldness, with faithfulness, and zeal, the word of truth. Make them prayerful students of that word; give them diligence to read it as before Thee, and only by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may not be blind leaders of the blind. Teach them the truth as it is in Jesus, that they may be content to know nothing among their people but that truth; that they may speak of Jesus as the Saviour of a lost and ruined world; of Jesus as the sinner's friend and comfort of Jesus as our Example in time, our only Hope for eternity. Do Thou give to them that humble mindedness which was His; that desire which He ever shewed for the salvation of souls, the conversion of sinners. And endue us with such teachable spirits, such patience, and heavenly desire; implant in us such love of Thy holy name, that we may wait upon the means of grace, and be ready to learn. Oh, hear and answer for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our almighty Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST holy Lord God, who hast redeemed us from the bondage of sin and given to us an inheritance in heaven, we beseech Thee now to regard us in pity, for our fleshly nature cleaves unto us, and we cannot worship Thee as we ought. We know that, if we live after the flesh, if we do those things which our unregenerate hearts prompt, and our nature loves, we shall die, but that if, through the Spirit we do mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live. Enable us, O Lord, for Thou, and only Thou canst do it, so to live, so to walk, so to obey, that we may evidence the power of the Spirit. Give us grace so to deny ourselves, so to put away every filthy lust, every evil imagination, every vain desire, that we may purify ourselves and serve Thee; and give us strength to flee the company of the profane, the unbeliever, the careless, that they may mark our avoidance of them, and turn unto Thee in prayer. Give to us the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, as we meet with reproof, and disappointment, and sorrow, which are the portion of Thy disciples here, and sustain us in every difficulty which may beset our path, in every danger which may threaten us, in our onward way. Let us not be discouraged, though the many mock, and old familiar friends turn away, but let us cleave to Thee as our best friend, and seek to rejoice in Thy holy comfort, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour, and Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, Thou hast spoken to us by the Spirit of truth; Thou hast given us warnings many and strong, and amongst them Thou hast said—Beware of false prophets. Thou hast, in mercy, set a caution before us, and instruction in our path, and yet we are liable to be led astray, and seek lies. The natural heart of man loves variety and change, whilst Thou changest not, and so man turns to the novelties of life and forgets his Maker, his Friend, and his God. Suffer not us, O Lord, so easily to forget; let not our imaginations be pleased by the bright colorings which false prophets may put upon Thy word, to deceive, but lead us with prayer, to that word, and open our understandings and our hearts to find in it our best director, our sure guide, for it giveth light even unto the simple. Make us very suspicious when we are told of new ways, and new hopes; of new systems, and new plans, for Thy way is very plain, Thy law is very clear, and Jesus Christ has gone before to shew us how we may walk in that way, and obey that law. Give us above all things humility of spirit, that we may be apt to learn, waiting for instruction, and praying earnestly without ceasing for Thy comfort and peace. And let these and all our petitions ascend to Thee in the name and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and give us a comforting answer soon, that we faint not, for we believe Him to be our only Lord, and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God, infinite in wisdom, eternal in power, and who art everlasting, we approach Thee in the name of Jesus, and we beseech Thee, for His sake, to help us whilst we pray. Give us, we pray Thee, such a sense of Thy nature; make us so to know Thee, and so to contemplate Thy greatness, and Thy majesty, that we may fear to offend Thee by thought, word or deed. Let us not be led away by a vain fancy that we are serving Thee, when we are merely thinking upon Thee, but let all our thoughts lead to actions, and our service be such as was our great Example's. Give us zeal to do Thy will; and energy to carry it out; and let Thy Holy Spirit be ever present with us to suggest, and control, that we speak only such things as are agreeable to Thy will, and do only what our consciences may approve. And, because we may feel at ease within, and be calm and composed, suffer us not to think that our work is done and our salvation secure; but shew us the necessity we are under to work whilst the day lasts; to be active whilst life is ours, and only cease when Thou callest us to Thy rest. Make us to remember Thy law, which says, Six days shalt Thou labor, and enable us all so to labor, and so to live, that we may attain to that blessed rest, eternal in the heavens, secured as ours in love, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and Lord God. Amen

EVENING.

O LORD our God, Thou dwellest in heaven, high over all, and Thy mercy is over all Thy works. Thou vouchsafest to look upon us, mean, and lowly, and sinful though we be, and Thou blessest us with abundant blessings. But we are ungrateful; we forget all Thy goodness; we despise Thy love; the warnings of Thy providence remain unheeded, and Thy dispensations are neglected. We would confess our sin and evil now, in Thy presence, with shame and confusion of face; we would bend our hearts with our bodies, and declare how Thou hast visited us, and called, and how we have forsaken Thee, and refused to hear. Lord, Thou hast called often. The sound of every Sabbath bell has spoken for Thee, and we have too frequently turned our feet away. The voice of Thy minister has often adduced us, and we have given our minds to other things than those he said; conscience has cried within, and our spirits have been disquited, because we have done evil. And yet we have not resolved, and prayed to be able, to turn unto Thee. Turn us now, good Lord, and have mercy upon us. Spare us, Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Let that blood cleanse us, and the name of Jesus prevail for us, and the Spirit quicken us, and all for the sake of our Saviour, Thy Son, O God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the great and incomprehensible Jehovah, we believe that Thou art God in heaven above and in the earth beneath, and we, therefore, worship Thee; we bow down before Thee, and serve Thee, as the only true God. Yet, Lord, we have served other gods than Thee; we have bowed down to more than Thee; we have divided our hearts and affections, and vainly thought, because we named Thy name, and frequented Thy house, that we were doing all the things which Thou requirest. Oh, teach us, not only the wisdom of this world, but that which shall lead us unto salvation; shew us not merely the things of time, but give us power to understand the things of the Spirit, that we may learn to walk by faith, and not by sight. Let no longer any thought or thing have possession of our hearts, or hinder us from an entire and devoted service of Thee. When we are met together in Thy name, keep us, O good Lord, from all wandering of thought; make us to realise such meetings as types of one, to which we may all look, with earnest desire, and assured hope, even of Thy saints in heaven. And purify us, day by day, more and more, from the dross and pollution which clings to us, and which we shall increase rather than diminish, if we seek not continually renewed aid from Thee. And let this our meeting bring down upon us a blessing, even a blessing from on high, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, good and gracious, we again seek Thee; praised be Thy holy name that Thou hast permitted us so to do; that Thou hast been long-suffering, not extreme to mark what we have done amiss, but giving us time to repent, and turn unto Thee. We too often forget this renewed proof of Thy love; we are too ready to suppose that, because the mercy has been, so it still must be, vouchsafed; and that we have days and years many before us. But, O Lord, Thou hast taught us, that life is uncertain; that our days pass as a shadow, and that our years come to an end, even as a tale that is told; and though we be spared, which of us can call the morrow his own. Oh, give us grace, we earnestly beseech Thee, to seize the present moment, as a most bountiful and gracious gift, and let Thy Spirit so influence us in it, that we may know we are as much nearer heaven as we are to the grave, since this morning dawned, and that our salvation is even now secure. And then enable us to cleave to that assurance; to live as if it were ours, and we might lose it. Oh, give us great and continuing earnestness; make us to understand the value of eternal life, which we all undervalue, and preserve every one of us to its enjoyment, that, having passed our time here in the service of Thee our God, we may have the promised reward of faith, for the sake of Him who died, to secure it ours, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Maker, how excellent is Thy name in all the world; the earth is full of Thy goodness. Beauty surrounds us, and every work of Thy hand is perfect. Let not only our eyes see Thee in the operations of Thy hands, but let our hearts acknowledge Thee, and our lives serve Thee. Let the voice of thanksgiving, and acts of obedience mark our being's end and aim, and let our one desire be to serve Thee, the Lord our God. We thank Thee for the many and clear revelations of Thy providence which Thou hast made to us; but especially that Thou hast shewn to us a way of salvation, in the death of Thy dear Son—a way so plain that all may see it, and so easy, that he who will may pass along it; so sure, that he who keeps therein must be saved. Place our feet, we beseech Thee, in that way; sustain us, that we faint not, as we pursue it, and pour into our hearts and minds such holy feelings and desires, that we may not allow the things of time and sense to interfere with us. Establish us in that faith, which can alone support amid all the trials and temptations of life, and let us never be weary, but waiting in patience for our reward in Thy due time. And make us very earnest to do Thy will; very obedient to Thy law, and very zealous for the honor of Thee our God. And grant this for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer, our Mediator, and Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast made us, and not we ourselves; we are Thine, by creation; but we have fallen from Thee, we have gone astray, and done wickedly; our first parents disbelieved Thee, disobeyed, and death became our portion. But Thy love slumbered not, and Thou didst redeem us. Jesus Christ came and died, and our reconciliation was perfected, hope again blossomed, and joy found a budding stem. Thus we were recreated by Thee, and again became Thine, for Thou wouldest not lose one of all Thy creatures, if they could only be brought unto Thee. And yet, Lord, our rebellion and ingratitude keep us from Thee; we stand afar off, as if our service would be a favor, and all the benefit Thine. Teach us, we beseech Thee, better things. Let us reason with ourselves, O Lord, and let Thy Spirit aid us, for Thou hast promised a heaven, and eternal rest to all who come unto Thee through Christ Jesus, and no man cometh unto the Father but by Him. And shall we refuse the means, and yet say we hope for the end. O Lord, help us to see our folly, our weakness, our misery, and lead us into the living way. Shew us the paths of righteousness, that we may walk therein, and set our feet in the way of peace, and give us strength, that we may continue in it. Make our rejoicing to be that Christ has died, for now we may live, and let our praise be ever of Him, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our gracious Lord, Thou watchest over us, and Thine arm is ready to save; when danger comes, Thou art nigh, and when evils threaten, Thou art a very present help. In every hour Thou art to be found, and under every circumstance Thou canst sustain us. Oh, that we would, therefore, praise Thee for Thy goodness; that we would seek Thee to experience it, and live by Thee, that it might be ours for ever. Lord, Thou knowest how much we need Thine aid; how feeble we are even in our strength, how unequal to meet and combat against, the trials and temptations of time. We also know it, and we daily experience our own insufficiency; yet we will not come unto Thee for help. Pity the infirmity of our nature; look upon us in mercy, and let Thy love, for the sake of Thine own dear Son, now smile upon us, that we be not cut off in our iniquity, and die in our sins. We deserve nothing at Thy hands but punishment; the best of us is not worthy to come before Thee, and we only come in the name of Jesus, through whom we have confidence. We ask, therefore, boldly but humbly. Help us, good Lord, and preserve us; stay us by Thy providence, and keep our feet from falling. Let no evil come nigh us, and save us from the evil one, and let Thy peace be ours, now, and to our lives' end, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

LET our prayers be heard, O Lord, and our offering of praise be acceptable with Thee; let our faith be firm, and our determination strong, and Thy name be glorified in this our service. We would again acknowledge the mercies which we have received with another day; we would express our thankfulness for the good things which we have been permitted to enjoy, and especially that we have again been allowed to meet in Thy dear Son's name, and to approach Thee with united prayer. It is a privilege which we too much slight; a benefit which we will not use as we ought, because we do not understand its value and importance. Lead us, O good Lord, to serious reflection, and anxious thought; teach us the things which belong unto our peace; and give us grace and strength to pursue them unto our lives' end. Endue us with patience to await Thy good time, and perseverance to work until Thou answer. Let us never grow weary in well doing; and keep us that we do not faint. Establish us in the way in which Thou wouldest have us to walk; and let the Holy Spirit be our Comforter and Guide unto the end. Let Jesus Christ be ever in our minds, and His life in our memories, that we may follow Him as He walked in life, and so have our hope firm that we shall follow Him whither He is gone, to Thy right hand in heaven. And let His name prevail for us in these and all our petitions, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O HOLY Lord God, who hast in mercy sent Thy messengers, from time to time, into all lands, to preach the word of truth, that many might be saved, we bless Thy glorious name that it hath pleased Thee so to visit us. We praise Thee that Thou has committed the word unto faithful men, who speak in Thy name, and tell to us Thy wonders of old, and Thy mercies throughout all ages. Oh, do Thou increase their numbers, that there may be faithful shepherds, ready to watch Thy flock, and to tend every sheep of Thy fold. Give them that faith, without which all their labour must be in vain; that zeal which shall keep them ever active in their Master's work, and that patience that they neither faint nor grow weary in well doing. Teach them the great and solemn truths of Thy word, and open their mouths to speak of them to others, with great boldness and freedom of speech. And do Thou give to us, and all over whom they are set, ready and attentive ears, and glad hearts. Make us to wait upon the ministry of Thy servants as those who have to give account, and to use the means which Thou vouchsafest. Be Thou especially present with him who is set over us for our good. Endue him with wisdom from on high; shew him the things which Thou wouldest have him do; and keep him by Thy Spirit from all pride and presumption, an humble follower of his great Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

WE have passed another day, O Lord, by Thy mercy, in peace; we have partaken of Thy bounty, and now we come to offer unto Thee the best service we can. Grant, Lord, that it consist not in the language of the lips only, but let our hearts serve Thee, and enable us to dedicate ourselves to Thee, which is our reasonable service. Teach us how vain and profitless is every mere worldly service; how inadequate to the capacities of immortal souls. Shew us the end of our creation here, that we may dwell with Thee, in eternal bliss, hereafter. Take us into Thine hands, and mould us; fashion us after the likeness of our Saviour and only Redeemer; purify us from all filthy lusts of the flesh; keep us in holiness of living; enable us to walk ever as in Thy sight; and let not sin have dominion over us. Be Thou our shield in every temptation; our defence in every attack; our stay in every hour. If affliction visit us, do Thou comfort; if distress, be Thou our consolation; and, in joy, restrain us, lest we forget Thee our God, and seek the world as our rest, and base our hopes here. And, with each day, bring us into Thy presence, that we may offer our petitions; that we may make our requests known unto Thee, in faith. And answer all our prayers, as seemeth best in Thy godly wisdom, that we may prosper in our doings, and know that Thou art God indeed. And let our voices be now heard by Thee, as we plead the name of Jesus, our Saviour, Governor, Mediator, and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our very God, Thy mercy is over all Thy works; there is not one living who does not partake of Thy bounty, and feel Thy love, and yet there is not one, who does not despise the former, and reject Thy love. We are all too much given to vanity; we seek Things which dazzle, and the glitter of this world is pleasant to us. We rejoice in the prospect of worldly amusement, and, if we grieve over our sins, it is too frequently because They have brought upon us care, and suffering. And yet we are Thy children; the creatures of Thy hand, the sustained by Thy providence. We, O Lord, have been mercifully taught to know Thee; we have been graciously led into the pleasant pastures where Thy sheep feed; we have been blessed with instruction out of Thy word, and we can say, each one for himself, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Let this solemn but cheering truth be unto us a shield and buckler, that, when temptation comes, we may feel strong in Him, because He liveth to give strength unto His people; when sorrows are nigh, let us rejoice in Him, because He hath bid us cast all our care upon Him, and He still liveth to care for us; and, when we are oppressed, let us be glad that He liveth, for we can flee to Him to lighten our load, and to relieve us of our burden. And give us a lively and enduring faith, that we may never faint on the way, but may cleave to Him, and plead His merits only, as we now do, for we know they must prevail with Thee on our behalf, since He is Thy Son and our Saviour, for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most holy, O eternal Lord, hear us; let our cry come unto Thee; let our prayer enter into Thy presence, and help us as we pray. Yea, Lord, help us, for vain is the help of man, vain our own strength and wisdom, and power. We know not how to ask aright; we cannot tell the things we need; we are continually seeking what will not profit, and neglecting matters most important, because we trust to ourselves; because we vainly imagine that we know what is needful and good for us. O Lord, remove from us now all pride and presumption; break down that self-confidence which leads so often astray, and give us that humility of spirit which was in Christ Jesus. Teach us, that pride is the stumbling block of humanity, and that where pride is, there Thy Spirit cannot dwell. Let our dependence be on the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit, our desire to walk according to His directions, and our constant endeavor to prove ourselves the disciples of Thee, our Lord God. And because there is no peace where pride dwells, we, therefore, most earnestly beseech Thee to keep every member of this household especially free from its taint. Make us to live together as brethren, in honor preferring one another, and not ready to boast of ourselves, lest we think better of ourselves than we ought to think, and so lose our hope of glory. Give to us all loving, patient, meek spirits, and preserve us in unity, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our God, and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast written many things for our instruction; Thou didst open the mouths of Thy prophets of old, and Thou didst teach Thine Apostles, to record the things which should admonish men in after time, that we might be made wise unto salvation. We beseech Thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and affections, that we may read Thy word with patience, diligence and zeal; that we may study it with earnestness; and walk according to its precepts in the land of the living. Shew to us Thy people of old, journeying through the wilderness unto the promised land; and let us understand how we too are passing through a wilderness to a land of promise. As they followed their great law-giver, Moses, so let us follow our Guide, Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant; and as they were obedient, and ate of the bread from heaven, so feed us with heavenly food, and make us to be faithful and obedient in all things. But, O Lord, preserve us from disobedience; from the sins and offences which then awoke Thy just wrath and indignation, so that Thou didst destroy them with a great slaughter, and spare us. And, as these things were examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted, give us grace and strength to hear and obey, to live and love Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our very God, we again seek Thee, we once more come unto Thee, and oh, that we may be able to approach Thee as faithful stewards. We know that we have an account to give; we know that for every talent and its use, we must one day be brought into judgment, and we pray Thee to enable us now so to prepare for that great account, that we may not be found unprofitable servants before Thee. Thou hast given to us many things to use to Thy glory, as well as for our own good, health, strength, the powers of mind, as well as the energies of the body. Every possession is from Thee, and to Thee must we one day tell how we have employed each. Let Thy Holy Spirit enable us now to search our hearts and consciences; let Him accompany us hence to our chambers, and give to us the spirit of anxious and strict inquiry into our lives and conduct that we may not fear to meet our Judge at His coming. And oh, endue us with power to know how this day has been spent by each one of us. A great talent, the opportunity to know more of Thee has been given us, and have we used it? Make us to feel the full import of this question; enable us to ponder over it as in Thy sight; to reflect upon it as before Thee. In mercy, O Lord, pardon our misuse of some of its hours; and, if we have been faithful during any, oh, let us praise Thee that Thy grace sustained and helped us, and that we are here to utter this praise for Jesus Christ's sake.

MORNING.

O LORD, our God, who hatest sin, and wilt not excuse the sinner, but who hast mercy on all who seek Thee in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we pray Thee to accept us in this our morning's service, for His sake. We know that He ever liveth to make intercession for us; that He sitteth at Thy right hand, and will plead our cause. O Lord, we need His plea; we need all Thy mercy, and Thy Spirit's aid. We have tried to walk of ourselves in this world, and we have sinned; we have gone astray, and done very wickedly; we have fallen from that truth into which we were baptised, and we have denied the Lord who bought us. And now we come, sensible of our weakness, knowing our frailty, and unequal to the combat which we have to wage with the enemy of souls. We come to the only source of strength; the only hope of assistance; to the throne of Thy might, and to the Son of Thy love. Oh, let that might be ours, and Thy love burn for us, for His sake; let the Spirit still strive with us, and enable us to overcome every assault, and to stand in every hour of danger. Endue us with patience, that we may wait Thy time, knowing that Thy promise cannot fail, that Thy word is sure. And establish us in the faith; set our feet upon the rock, order our goings, and preserve us every one as Thine in all things, that we be not found wanting when we shall be weighed in the balance of eternal truth. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we pray Thee to hear us, and to answer, for Jesu's sake. Let Thy truth spread in the land, and error, and sin flee away; let Thy name be more honored, Thy glory more sought, and Thy worship prevail more amongst us. Let Thy people who call upon Thee by name, learn to seek Thee in spirit, and let Thy praise be in all our mouths. May all parents remember their great responsibility, and look to Thee in simple faith for that strength in which alone they can meet it. Enable them to lay to heart, the awful yet cheering position in which they are placed, for they are Thy husbandmen, set to train heavenly plants. Oh, give them that wisdom which only can enable them to fulfil their office, and to correct, restrain, or direct the growth of those whom they have in charge. Endue them with patience from on high, and grant that the endeavors of every faithful, praying parent may be crowned with success. It is Thy work, O Lord, and to Thee lead them all to look in every hour, and in every difficulty. Make them to remember that, if they would prosper in their home, and find Thy blessing, they must so seek it. And give to each of us, according to our several circumstances, a like desire to serve Thee, that truth may abound among us, and that Thy love may be our rule and motive. And hear us, not for our own sakes or merits, but solely for the sake and merits of Jesus Christ, our very God and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful Lord God, who hast committed many things in charge to us, that we may occupy until Thou come, we beseech Thee to enable us to know our respective gifts; to understand the talents with which Thou hast entrusted us. Enable us to examine ourselves, that we may know what power Thou hast given to us to work on Thy behalf, and to make our calling and election sure. We know that the time for this is short; that the hinderances are many; that our best strength is only weakness. We have tried to live in ease and quiet, and Thy monitor within, conscience, has warned us to flee from the wrath to come. O Lord, let not that wrath overtake us; let not Thine indignation be kindled against us, but spare and deliver us, and give us that strength which shall sustain in every difficulty, and enable us to surmount every temptation. Let Thy Holy Spirit be our Guide in every hour, shewing us what we may do for Thee, since Thou hast done so much for us. Give us perseverance in well doing, that in whatsoever we put our hands unto, we may be diligent, and do it as unto Thee and not unto men. And endue us with heavenly patience, that we may in all things approve ourselves as the disciples of a loving Saviour, and walk worthy our vocation in Christ Jesus. And now to Him, with Thee, O God, and the Holy Ghost, we give ourselves in faith, for Thou art one God, Jehovah, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

WE have passed another day, O Lord our God, in ease and safety; we are again met to ask Thy continued care during another night, for we have experienced it often. Oh, praised be Thy holy name, for these great and undeserved mercies. Let our lives praise Thee, O God, and our lips speak of Thy goodness. And do Thou now set Thine angels to watch over and keep us; may they guard us in the hours of slumber, that no evil come nigh to hurt us, and may they be about us in our waking hour. Should aught evil threaten, let them shield us; and should sorrow or distress fall upon us, oh, let them minister unto us, that we may be strengthened and comforted even as our crucified Redeemer was in His hour of sorrow. Let no danger come nigh our dwelling, but preserve us by Thy great power. And, as we retire to our chambers, accompany us by Thy good Spirit that we may think such things as are agreeable to Thy holy will and law; that we may dwell on Thy mercies, and think upon Thy promises; that we may call to mind Thy wonders of old time, and rejoice that we have a God who careth for us. And, oh, lead us there to bend our knees, and to make all our requests known unto Thee. Let us not harbor one thought, or entertain one wish which we cannot bring unto Thee in prayer, but let us in every matter, and in every hour, seek Thee and serve Thee, that we may be Thine here, and Thine hereafter, to the honor of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL and holy God, the Giver of health, and of every good thing we enjoy. Thou source of all the benefits which surround man, and of blessings which are more than he knows how to enjoy, we humbly beseech Thee to give us the heart to perceive and acknowledge all Thy many mercies, and the power to partake of them to our souls' comfort. Teach us, as we go forth in the enjoyment of health, to remember whose gift it is, and the great responsibility we are under to preserve it by every means in our power, that we may be able at the last to return that rich talent to Him who intrusted it to us, with usury. Make us also diligent to assist others, who from poverty cannot do it for themselves, to preserve the blessing, and so shew forth our sense of Thy goodness, and the value of Thy gifts to the sons of men. Enable us to profit by the lessons which every day teaches us, that, though all Thy good things are given us richly to enjoy, we may lose them, for we see the gifted robbed of their possessions continually, and those who had much having nothing. And, more than all, teach us how to use them to Thy honor and glory, as we must one day give an account. Strengthen us by Thy good Spirit, to work for Thee in all things; to go forth with Thee in our hearts and minds, and to return to our homes sanctified by Thy presence. And dwell, O God, ever with us in this place, that we may be in peace, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we again come to Thee in prayer; we once more seek Thee with humble, but heart-felt petitions; oh, hear, and answer for Jesus Christ's sake. We pray for all men, for Thou hast made them all. Thou hast commanded us to pray thus, and we would endeavor to obey Thee; oh, let Thy Spirit help us as we pray. Bless our Sovereign the Queen, with every good; endue her with Thy Holy Spirit that she may walk in truth before Thee. Suffer her not to be deluded by flattery, or the deceits of the world; let no deceitful person be about or near her, but let her love the thing that is true and pleases Thee. Give to her consort, and her offspring, health and every blessing. Look upon those who are in authority in the land, that they may minister justice, and rule for Thy honor and glory. Shew to them the necessity for, and the power of, prayer, and lead them to seek Thine aid in all their councils, Thy wisdom in all their designs. Give to every subject in this realm an obedient heart; subdue all rebellion and disaffection, all high mindedness, and whatsoever may hinder us from godly union, and that peace, without which we cannot expect Thy blessing. And let Thy favor extend to all lands; shew to those over which heathen darkness yet broods the light of Thy truth; and let Thy name be spoken everywhere with reverence and holy fear. And give to us all one heart, one spirit, and one prayer, that Thy truth may abound, and that Thou mayest be feared everywhere, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, high and mighty, who ridest upon the whirlwind, and rulest the storm; who biddest the sea arise and the waves thereof be still, and calmest down the raging of the people and the angry passions which toss man to and fro, subdue in us, we pray Thee, every evil desire and propensity, every mischievous imagination and deceit. Read our hearts, O Lord, with Thy scrutinising eye, and whatsoever Thou seest there of ill, oh remove, and send Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in us, that our hearts, being garnished and cleansed, may become indeed temples unto Thee, and that we may henceforth speak, think, and do only as that Spirit shall dictate and direct. May He open our eyes to read wondrous things in Thy law; to see there the great redemption wrought for all in the death of the one, Jehovah Jesus, our Saviour God, and then lead us to His cross, that, humbled by a sense of His sufferings, and abased by the knowledge that they all arose from our sin, we may cry unto Him for help, we may seek His intercession, we may ask His prevailing power, to save and deliver us, and to make us His own, redeemed, and saved from this naughty world. And as we pray for ourselves, so would we, pray Thee, to give all spiritual gifts to the whole race of mankind; that Thou wouldest send the Gospel message to far distant lands with the influencing power of Thy Spirit, that many may be added to the Church daily and be saved. Oh, hear us, for Thy loving mercy is great, [illegible]wer our petitions for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, invisible, and almighty, who, though unseen, art ever present with us, we pray Thee implant in us such faith, that we may see Thee, and know Thee, and, knowing Thee, may walk in Thy law all the days of our life. Give us by the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, a power to understand Thy commandments, not merely with the mind, but so as to see Thee in all of them; as a Father desirous to cherish fond children, that they may love him in return, and be happy; as a Friend, ready and anxious to advise, to counsel, and asking entire confidence, unshaken trust; as a God, demanding full obedience, and perfect submission; as a Judge, threatening disobedience, rebellion, and sin. Yea, give us to see Thee as Thou art, and so to worship Thee in spirit, and in truth, knowing that Thou wouldest have all men so to worship Thee—and that, unless we do so here, we cannot be with Thee hereafter. And to this end, endue us with holy patience; subdue in our hearts all murmurings, complaining, and discontent; make us to feel that all things work together for good to those who serve Thee, and, in Thy service, to find that good. Though afflictions come, let us not be disheartened, or discouraged, for Thou hast promised that, as our day is, so shall our strength be, and Thou hast shewn us, by the example of holy Job, how patience has its perfect work, and ensures a blessing. Endue us with such patience; strengthen us to wait Thy time, and keep us by Thy good Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

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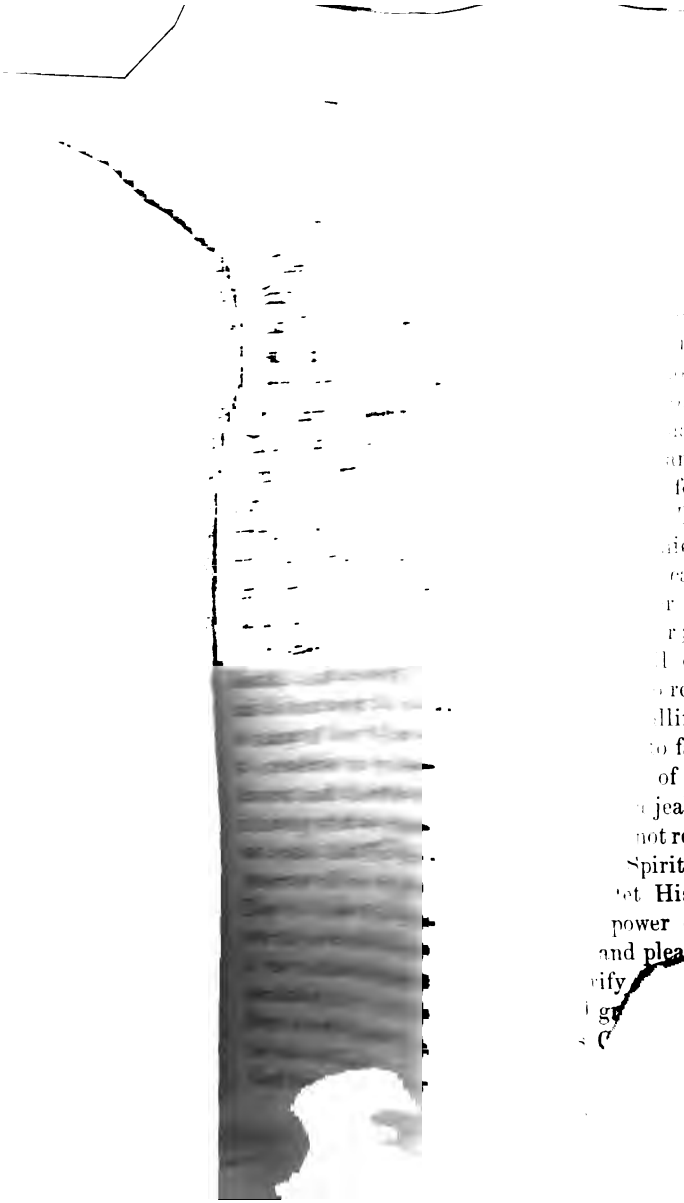

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MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, who hast called us with a holy calling, who hast created us for heaven, and given us the assurance of eternal life, we beseech Thee to enable us to lay to heart our great responsibility before Thee. We cannot plead that we are ignorant of the way of salvation; we cannot say that no light shines upon us; for we know that Thou hast mercifully shewn to us Him, who is that way, and we have the beams of Gospel truth bright on every side. Oh, how great is Thy love towards the people of this land; how manifest Thy goodness. Like Thy children of old, so are we. We have Thine arm to shelter, Thy Spirit to guide, Thy bread to nourish, Thy strength to sustain. We see evidences of Thee on every side, and Thy word has been given as a light unto our feet and a lantern to our paths. Oh, make us to love Thee more, and to serve Thee better than we have done; make us to know Thee as Thou art, and to cleave to Thee as we then should do. Day by day brings us warnings, and opportunities of improvement. Let them not, good Lord, be lost upon us. Suffer us not to neglect or to despise them; but let Thy Holy Spirit so strive with us, that our evil dispositions may be corrected, our vicious passions subdued, and that we may be led to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and cleave to Him unto the end, that we may be saved for His sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our Maker, how often have we heard of Thee, and how often called upon Thy holy name, and yet not worshiped Thee. We have, indeed, often bent the knee, but never prayed, for whilst our lips moved, our hearts were far away, and our thoughts turned unto others than to Thee, and to things of time instead of things which belonged unto our eternal peace. Yet sometimes, Lord, we have worshiped, and sometimes we have prayed in spirit and in truth; for Thy mercy has enabled us to learn to pray, and Thy love has permitted us to use the opportunity which Thy grace afforded. Oh, grant that we be more careful for the time to come; keep us now and ever when we approach Thee in the attitude of prayer; preserve us from wandering thoughts; let no evil or vain imagination take hold of us. Make us to remember that we are in Thy presence, that we are calling upon Thee, that we are speaking with Thee face to face. Impress us with a due sense of the awfulness of our position; and let us not forget that Thou art a jealous God, who requirest the whole heart, and wilt not receive divided affections. And let Thy Holy Spirit take up His abode in us, and dwell with us; let His influence be seen in all our doings; His power direct all our movements, that we may serve and please Thee; that we may live to Thee, and glorify Thy name in our lives and by our deaths. And grant this for the sake of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast shed in great abundance of Thy Holy Spirit upon all men, we beseech Thee to enable us to realise Thy gift among ourselves. It is a gift, O Lord, which we should prize; which we should value as more precious than gold and silver, and which we should seek after, and preserve with all the energy of life itself. We have not hitherto sought it as we ought, we have been satisfied too easily with an outward show; we have gone into Thy house on returning Sabbaths; we have kept our feet from the way of open ungodliness; we have not profaned our lips with vain and idle words; and we have, therefore, said to ourselves, all is well. O Lord, shew us better things; remove from us such a vain delusion; draw us into Thy truth, and let Thy Holy Spirit guide us—enable us to yield to that guidance, not as if we were constrained, but as if we wished to follow withersoever He would lead. And let Him take us this day into the courts of Thy house; let Him preserve us whilst there from all irreverence, all folly, all wandering of thought; and let Him most especially shew us the truths which shall there be set before us; that we may not only hear of a Saviour, but learn to know Him, that we may not only read of that Spirit's operations, but may earnestly seek them, and there praise Thee in the congregation of Thy people, O holy and eternal Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who knowest our frailty, who seest our weakness, and who hast compassion on the infirmities of all Thy creatures, we pray Thee most earnestly to look upon us, who come again, at the close of Thine own day, into Thy presence, to thank Thee for Thy mercies, and to pray for their continuance. We have, indeed, O Lord, much need to rejoice, for we are sheep of Thy pasture, and we have heard Thy voice. Thou hast spoken to us by Thy word; the word to which Thy chosen people of old listened; and Thine appointed minister has warned us from that word, and told us of Thee. Oh, grant, in mercy that such privileges and such love be not lost upon us. Let not our hearts be so hard that those gracious words cannot enter, nor our dispositions be so perverse, that we will not flee from the wrath to come, that we will die rather than turn unto Jesus, as the Mediator of the new covenant. Let it not be with us, as it was with the city of Thy love, that a Saviour shall come nigh only to weep over us, because we know not the day of our salvation, because we regard not the things which belong unto our peace. O Lord, ere they be yet hid from our eyes, let us turn unto Thee with weeping and fasting, and praying. Let us seek Thy Holy Spirit's influence, and our Saviour's redeeming love; let us use all the means of grace, and have our hopes of glory established. And preserve all in the faith and fear of Thee to our lives' end, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST gracious God, the Comforter of the afflicted, the support of the oppressed, and the stay of those who are smitten with sorrow, we pray Thee to hear us whilst we ask Thee to look with mercy and love on the many who are now suffering and in distress throughout our land. Make Thyself known to them as a Friend, who knowing all their wants, canst alleviate and remove them; as a God, who, having love as Thy most darling attribute, art ever ready to hear and answer if they call. Enable them to see their sufferings as the visitations of Thy providence, as merciful warnings to flee from sin, to cleave no longer to the world, to seek Thee with earnestness and desire. Purify all such from every taint of sin; let them not indulge in vain thoughts, or give way to foolish desires; keep them from all complaints and repining. And give to them the consolations of Thy good Spirit, that they may rejoice in His holy comfort, and learn to praise Thee for Thy goodness, though it be manifested in a chastening rod. And, good Lord, so prepare our hearts that, should afflictions come, we may bow to them as thy messages, should sorrows arise, we may receive them as Thy warnings, and flee from the wrath to come. But so mould us now that we may not need them; that we may turn to Thee at Thy gentle voice, bidding us to come, as we would now do to Thee our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, very God, the Creator of all men, the Protector of all who trust in Thee, our Helper and Defender, stretch forth now Thine arm over us, to be our shield, and enable us to come under the shadow of Thy wings, that we may be safe. Keep us from all danger, both ghostly and bodily; watch over us, as we walk abroad, that we fall not into any snare or temptation; that no evil overtake us. And, if we do escape, if Thy mercy embrace us, and we return to our homes unhurt, oh, make us to rejoice in that love which upheld, that mercy which protected us. Let us praise Thee that we have again been the objects of Thy care, and watched as the sheep of Thy pasture. There is none like unto Thee; man cannot protect as Thou doest; our fellows cannot save as Thine arm saves. Impress, we beseech Thee, this solemn, this important truth upon our hearts, and let its influence be seen throughout our after lives. Make us to walk before Thee with boldness and confidence; and enable us to lead others to Thee, knowing that Thou art no respecter of persons, that Thou wouldest have all men to be saved, and to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. Let this be our confidence that He has died for us, and that in Him we have life; and, having this confidence let us fear no evil, but rejoice evermore, for we know that our Redeemer liveth. And accept us now, for His sake, and let His merits plead on our behalf, O Lord, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, Thou hast shewed unto us what is right; Thou hast mercifully given unto us a record of Thy word and will; Thou hast declared openly and clearly what Thy saints must do, and Thou hast given a promise rich and free of eternal life to all who come unto Thee. From Thee are we all, as we are all for Thee; Thou wouldest not lose one of those to redeem whom Christ died, and He died for the sins of the whole world. Oh, how vast, how incomprehensible Thy love. We cannot understand it; for we are rebels, and yet Thou lovest us, we offend continually, and yet Thou sparest us; we regard Thee not, and yet Thine hand is ready to save, and Thine arm is stretched forth to shelter and protect us. Enable us, good Lord, fully to apprehend Thee in these Thy darling attributes of mercy and love. Teach us to imitate them, and preserve us in the likeness of Him, through whom we are renewed and have access unto Thee. Make it our delightful study to take Thy holy word into our hands, and to muse upon it. And dwell within us, that all our affections may be subdued unto Thee, that we may yield ourselves as Thy servants ready to serve, glad to obey; that our passions may be overcome, our pride brought down, our strength confirmed, and that we may have our feet upon the Rock, even the Rock of ages, Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL and incomprehensible Jehovah, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, and yet Thou condescendest to dwell with man. Thou hast created him, and, therefore, Thou wouldest have him live for ever in life eternal, amid unending joys, and in unfading glory. Who can speak Thy praise; yet we would tell of Thy mercy, and proclaim Thy goodness; we would utter forth our sense of Thy love towards us. O Lord, Thou hast loved us from the beginning. Thou hast sustained us in Thine arms; Thou hast kept us, and none else. Let our hearts praise Thee, O God, and our lips give thanks unto Thee. Let our voices be heard afar off, and our deeds be seen, and all proclaim that we are the servants of the Most High. Let heart speak to heart, and hand join in hand, and let us all, who name the name of Christ, agree to walk together as Thine; to live together in the faith and fear of Thee; to urge each other to godly sorrow for our sins and offences; and to earnest prayer for pardon and peace. Let our rejoicing be that Thou hast redeemed us, and kept us; that Thou offerest to us salvation, a free salvation, which none of earth can hinder; and that Thou wilt strengthen all who would come, that they may be with Thee. Give us that strength; let not one foot loiter, one voice be dumb, one hand slack, but enable us all to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, since Thou workest in us, and accomplish that work, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD of heaven, Thou high and holy One, let Thy mercy now beam upon us, and Thy love succour us; let Thine ear be attent to our prayers, whilst we plead Jesu's precious name, and ask the Spirit's power to give us utterance. We have enjoyed many blessings which we have not deserved; nay, we must own, that, had we been treated according to our deserts, instead of blessings, we should have experienced only punishment; sorrow had been our lot for ever. But a Saviour has died for us; in Him we have access by faith unto Thee, and Thou, whose precious gift it is, hast promised to give it to such as ask desiring to possess. Let not our tongues, O Lord, ask what we do not feel to want; nor, asking, let us be impatient, because Thou answerest not. Teach us to wait Thy time, and to do Thy will. Endue us with power from on high; sustain us in every trial, and whatsoever befalls us, be Thou at hand to help and deliver. Make our doings to prosper; and enable us, before we put our hand to any work, to consider well; to lay the matter to heart, and to seek Thine assistance by solemn prayer, that we may begin, continue, and end every work in Thee, and to Thy honor and glory. Make Thy truth to shine into our hearts daily with more lustre, and let its blessed effects be daily more and more seen. And preserve us all in more fullness, more completeness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU hast again preserved us, O Lord, our God, to the evening hour of prayer; Thou hast permitted us once more to meet in Thy dear Son's name, and to come before Thee with the voice of supplication. Oh, make us thankful for so great mercy; and give us such a sense of it that we may constantly endeavor to secure and use it. What are we that we should approach the King of kings; what have we to bring to the Lord of lords; and yet we are in Thy presence, O Lord of all: we are speaking face to face with the God of our salvation. It is no light thing to be thus; it is no small privilege, no valueless permission. And yet we treat it lightly; because it occurs day by day, we do not consider it. Enable us, good Lord, to think hereon; strengthen us to understand what Thou doest for us; and give us grace to rejoice in Thy mercy and goodness. Subdue in us every haughty look, and high thought; set before us the example of the lowly Jesus, that we may walk in His, the only, steps which lead heavenward; that we may endeavor in all things to follow, and so be where He is, in the mansions of glory. Yea, Lord, grant that not one of us who are now met on earth may be absent from that holy company of the redeemed who shall stand at the right hand of the Judge of quick and dead at His appearing; but keep us by Thy grace to that day for His sake, our Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, who hast appointed to all men their own places, and their peculiar duties; Thou who hast given various dispositions, and suitest Thy trials to them all, so that all men may be saved, we beseech Thee to deal with us as a tender Father, and to instruct us in the things which belong unto our peace. Draw us from the world awhile, that we may commune with Thee, and be taught what we ought to do. Teach us to be content according to the circumstances in which Thou hast placed us. Make us not to be envious of others, nor to bear an evil mind. Let us weigh all events in reference to Thee, that we may seek only such things as shall bring us near unto Thee, as shall serve to make our calling and election more sure. Make us to remember that, unless we strive to do our duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us, all our professions of being Thy disciples, and that we love Thee, are vain and nothing worth. And, because we are prone to sin, and evil is ever present with us; because we cannot do the things that we would, we, therefore, more earnestly call upon Thee to aid and help us. Renew us by Thy strength daily; purify us from all evil, and preserve us in every hour of trial, that we may stand secure and bold in the confidence which we have in Thee; and that we may be able to resist the devil, and to overcome evil with good. Oh, grant this, we pray Thee, for the sake and love of Jesus Christ our Lord, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST excellent Lord God, who dost graciously invite sinners to come unto Thee; who biddest all men every where to repent, to turn from their sins, to forsake the evil of their doings, and to live, we most humbly beseech Thee to look upon us of this household. In Thy mercy, now regard us, for we are met in Thy dear Son's name; and we plead His merits before Thee. We must own that we have gone astray continually; that we have forsaken the covenant of our God; that we have neglected Thy warnings, despised Thy mercies, and refused to use the means of grace afforded us. We confess, oh, make our confession honest and sincere, that we have not walked according to light and knowledge; that we have not obeyed Thee as we might have done. And thus we come as sinners, claiming Thy promise in Christ Jesus, and with faith that Thou wilt save to the uttermost all those who come unto Thee through Him. Blot out our offences, and remember them no more; give us a repentance not to be repented of; establish us in newness of life; let our conversation be such as becometh christians; and our whole conduct such as we should not blush to have exposed before the world. Make us to love as brethren; to be of one heart and mind; to pray for each other; to be kindly affectioned one towards another in brotherly love; and let all men know of a truth that Thou art with us, to bless and keep us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our loving Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, and merciful God, the Giver of every good and needful gift; the Rewarder of all who seek and trust in Thee, we beseech Thee to bestow upon us such things as shall be profitable, as shall minister unto our salvation. Give us Faith, for it is only Thine to give, and without it we cannot find Thee. Give us Repentance, for without Thine aid we cannot sorrow for our sins, nor form one good or holy resolution. Renew us daily, O Lord; give us new hearts and new spirits, that we may perfect holiness in the fear of Thee. Inspire us with a saving knowledge; open our understandings to know, and our hearts to receive the truths of Thy word, the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Call us out of this evil world, for by Thee only can we be effectually called; and let Thy free justification be upon us. Give us the adoption of children; enable us to cry unto Thee—Abba, Father; and endue us with such perseverance in well-doing, keep our feet so steadily in Thy ways, so strengthen our hands, and comfort our hearts, that we may have a full assurance of Thy great gift, eternal life, as ours, through Jesus Christ. Let a due consideration of these things keep us humble, as shewing us that we have, and can do, nothing of ourselves; yet let them inspire us with holy confidence, since we know they are of Thee, and that Thou givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not. Oh, hear our petitions and answer, good Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, Thou Lord of hosts; Thou art God over all, blessed for ever. Thy dominion endureth for ever, and Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Men may war, but they cannot dethrone Thee; they may oppose, but they cannot resist Thee; they may disobey, but they cannot overrule Thy councils. Oh, that we were wise and considered our ways, and laid to heart our responsibility, and sought Thee as our King. We have experienced Thy sway, O God; we have found Thee to be a kind and gentle sovereign, a tender Father, a loving Lord. We have received good things from Thee, and Thy mercies have abounded for us. But from our fellow men we have met with disappointments; and, in the world, distress, and evil have followed us. Enable every one of us to lay these things to heart, and to be wise, now whilst the day is ours, and ere the evening closes upon us, or we are called to lie down in the grave. We know that there is no repentance there; no sorrow for sin can enter there, and no amendment of life can follow it. Whilst then we have health and strength, turn us, and be gracious unto us; make us to know Thee better, and to love Thee more than we have hitherto done. Shew us the glories of Thy kingdom; and open out to us the full promise of a heaven of eternal rest. And let Him, who died to secure those things as ours, be our Propitiation; receive Him as our Advocate, and, blessed Jesus, plead for us, send Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, and hear us, O holy and undivided Trinity, now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast taught us that, through much tribulation, we must enter into the kingdom of God. Thou hast prepared Thy people for sorrow, and hast set before them the truth, that suffering accompanies Thy people as they journey through this wilderness. Praised be Thy holy name, that Thou hast revealed this unto us, and that Thou hast accompanied it by the consoling assurance that Thy chastenings are proofs of Thy love; that all Thy corrections are given by a fatherly hand, to bring us nearer unto Thee, and not to destroy. Knowing this, O Lord, enable us to run with patience the race that is set before us. Let us keep our eyes steadfastly on Him who has run the same race, even Jesus, our Example. And teach us how to bear our cross with like submission and forbearance. When we would open our mouths to repine, oh, do Thou send down Thy Holy Spirit to warn us from evil; to teach us how to refrain our lips, that we offend not with our tongue. When Thy chastisements are heavy upon us, oh, enable us to remember why they are sent, and, though tears dim our eyes, to praise Thee for Thy goodness. And, the more of suffering which we are called upon to endure, oh, strengthen us the more to trust in Thee; and give us the more earnest longing for Thy promised rest, where our blessed Lord is gone before, that where He is we may be also. And grant this, we beseech Thee, for His sake, O Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, holy art Thou in all Thy doings to the sons of men, and mercy to them is Thine every act, for Thou wouldest have all to be saved; Thou wouldest not that any should perish, and we know that Jesus Christ has died for all. We know that Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love; oh, draw us to Thyself by the cords of that love; shew forth in us Thy power; manifest Thyself by us; and keep us as Thine own, in body, soul, and spirit. Make us to be instant in prayer, serving Thee. Grant that we weary not in well doing; but strengthen us that we persevere unto the end, that we may be saved. This night brings us to the close of another week, and to the eve of another Sabbath, and surely it reminds us how much we owe Thee of praise and thanksgiving; let our hearts now praise Thee, and our tongues give thanks unto Thee. But, above all, prepare us for the solemn duties of the morrow, that we may look to it as a holy day unto Thee, and spend its every hour in Thy service. Take us to our chambers in the spirit of prayer, and let us not lie down on our beds, until we have found peace with Thee; until we can feel secure, because we are under the shadow of Thy wings, where no evil comes, and where nothing can hurt us. Do Thou bring thousands unto Thee in the same spirit, that our Redeemer may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. And let His name be our access unto Thee, O most holy Lord, our God and Father, now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, and merciful God, who didst raise up holy men of old to declare unto us the wonders of Thy grace, and the demands of Thy law; and who, by Thy Apostle St. Paul, hast declared unto us how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; we most humbly, but earnestly, beseech Thee to enable us to keep this precious truth in our memory, to store it in our hearts, to dwell upon it in our daily walk and conversation, and to praise and magnify Thy holy name for it. We know that thereon rests our salvation, for, if Christ died not, there is no remission of sins; and we are all sinners before Thee. But it is, Lord, because we are sinners, that we rejoice in this precious declaration, this cheering truth, for we thereby know that we have an interest in His death, and that He died for us. Yea, Lord, we would, each one for himself, rejoice and say—Oh, open Thou my lips, that I may speak of Thy love, for Jesus Christ has died that I may live; that I, even I, vile and sinful as I am, may have an inheritance that fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens. Oh, give us all strength, we pray Thee, so to live, and so to love, so to walk, and so to act, that we may find this earth a pathway to heaven; that we may have grace and strength to do the things which Thou requirest, and to prove ourselves Thy disciples indeed, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

IT is fitting, O most holy Lord, that we should, at the close of another day of heavenly rest, come unto Thee in lowliness of mind and humility of spirit, confessing our misdeeds, and asking pardon and peace for the time to come. We have stood before Thee with too much self confidence; we have looked up as if we had a right to Thy mercy; as if Thou must accept us. We have forgotten our lost and ruined condition by nature; we have not sufficiently felt our weakness and inability to serve Thee, and we have not valued Thy service as we ought. Give us true repentance, O Lord; make our sense of guilt full, and our sorrow for it sincere. Break down the stubbornness of our hearts, and let Thy Holy Spirit convince us of our iniquity. If we cast down our eyes, let it be in real self-abasement; if we smite on our breasts, let it not be in fancied grief; but set before us what we are, and not only we ought to be, but what we might be. Oh, strive powerfully with us, good Lord. Let our plea of Jesu's merits, and our application of His cleansing blood, be effectual. And enable us to walk in His steps, to follow His example, to obey His precepts, and to do all things in His name. And let our future Sabbaths be spent in Thy service; may they be a delight unto us, and to our children, that Thy name may be magnified, and Jesus honored, and the Holy Spirit sought, to the glory of the eternal Trinity, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, almighty God, we Thine unworthy creatures, again seek Thee in the name of Jesus, and trusting to His mediation. We believe that there is none other name under heaven whereby we may be saved; we believe that no works, no merits of our own can bring us near to Thee; and we believe that by that name we have an access given. O Lord, we make this our sincere confession; we thank Thee for that mercy which has revealed so great a truth to us; but more, we praise and magnify Thy Holy Name, that Thou hast found us such a way, and provided for us such a Saviour. Oh, make us to evidence our praise by daily service; let us, in every hour, and action of our lives, shew forth our sense of Thy mercy and goodness, that we may be known as Thy disciples, as the humble worshipers of our triune Jehovah; as the happy people of our great and gracious God. Let us, in all our trials and troubles, look up to Thee, as our hope and confidence; let us, when sorrows come, flee to Thee, as our consolation and stay; and, when the sunshine of prosperity beams brightly upon us, let us, undazzled, cast our eyes upward, with pure joy, and fervent gratitude, that Thou hast done such great things for us, that Thou hast not cast us off utterly, as we deserved; but that Thou hast spared us to turn unto Thee in penitence and prayer. Oh, give us the comforts of Thy Holy Spirit, and let our blessed Saviour plead for us; and answer, O God, for His sake, this and all our petitions. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who searchest the heart, and who knowest what is in man; Thou who requirest truth in the inmost parts, and wilt not excuse the guilty, we beseech Thee to impress these great and solemn truths upon our minds and memories. Suffer us not to deceive ourselves, and to rest satisfied with a mere outward show; with decency of behaviour; with uprightness of conduct, with strict honesty, or with a good name among men. Let us not fall into so dangerous an error, but enable us to try our own selves by the strict test of Thy word. Bring us to it before we put our hand to any work, that we may know whether our purposed doings shall please Thee; whether we can carry out our designs with innocence and safety. Let us not be content that they bear not about them the appearance of evil, but enable us to satisfy our own consciences, as in Thy sight, that they are pure. And let us not endeavor to pass off our doings as other than they are. Make us open and sincere; let it be our constant care to act as only in Thy sight; and, to this end, lead us often to Thyself. Keep us in constant and close intercourse with Thee; that we may pour out our hearts unto Thee in prayer, and be consecrated, body, soul, and spirit to Thy service. As we are Thine by adoption and grace, so make us Thine indeed, that we may not have merely a name to live, but may live before Thee, disciples of a crucified Redeemer, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory now and for evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, the only true God, there is none beside Thee, in heaven above or in the earth beneath; there is not one that can do as Thou doest. And yet we forsake Thee; we live as if we were independent of Thee; we have not Thee in all our thoughts. True, O Lord, it is hard for flesh and blood to deny itself; human nature rebels against the truth, and the pride of our hearts leads us into many sins and errors. We love a mastery; we are fond of an uninterrupted power, and we forget that we are all servants; that we are either obeying thee for our wages, eternal life, or serving the evil one, for our reward, unending misery. Oh, do Thou, in mercy, convince, not only us, but all mankind, of this solemn truth. Show to us, that we are working sin, if we are not engaged in righteousness; that we cannot be idle; that we are never unemployed. Awaken us from the sleepiness and apathy into which we too often fall; from the insensibility we love to indulge, and let Thy Spirit keep us actively engaged in Thy service. Enable us to bear in mind whose we are by creation, and redemption, and whom we ought to serve, by every claim of gratitude and love; and strengthen us to perform our allotted tasks in this world, whatsoever they may be, in the faith and fear of Thee. Let it be the joy of our household, that Thou art our Ruler, and Guide, for then we know that we must prosper. Oh, hear us, good Lord, and answer, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Lord and King, we come unto Thee as rebellious subjects to ask Thy favor, to seek forgiveness, and to petition for that pardon, without which we can have neither peace here, nor hope of joy hereafter. We know how great is Thy pardoning love, and yet, Lord, we would not presume upon it. Make us to remember that Thou art just as well as merciful, and that Thou must punish the sinner, whilst Thou rewardest the faithful disciple of our blessed Redeemer. Suffer us not to rest satisfied with a mere belief that Thou art God, and none else; that Jesus has died for us, and that the Holy Spirit sanctifieth all Thine elect people; but impress upon us the necessity we are under to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Shew us the difficulty of doing this, that we may labor earnestly to effect it as the called of a merciful God. Give us daily more strength for the work; daily increase in us the love of Thee, and make our prayers daily more fervent that many may be brought to acknowledge Thee as their only hope in time and for eternity. Oh, that we were faithful according to our power; oh, that we were active according to our abilities and that our energies were put forth on Thy behalf as we exercise them in worldly matters. Lord Jesus, hear us, and take our petitions to the throne of grace; plead Thy name on our behalf, and help us, we beseech Thee now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, great and gracious, we Thine unworthy creatures, alive to our weakness and sensible of our sins, come again into Thy presence for help, and pardon. Look upon us in mercy, and let Jesu's blood be applied to our souls with saving efficacy. We know that unless our hearts be so sprinkled, there is no remission of sins for us, and our sins are many. We have day by day offended Thy divine majesty by thought, word, and deed; we have left undone the things which we ought to have done, and done the things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. We have gone astray like sheep that are lost. Oh, let the voice of our great Shepherd speak unto, and be heard by, us; let Him bid us come into the fold; and draw us unto Him, that we may find rest and shelter. The earth may present us with pleasures, but they are very fleeting; friends may smile, but those smiles soon pass away; occupations may engage us, but they soon weary; and all things of time are unsatisfying to immortal souls, let these considerations, heightened by recollections of Thy love, waken us to more serious thought, to better hopes, to holier desires, and preserve us henceforth from all pollution of the flesh and spirit, that we may perfect holiness in the fear of Thee. And hear us in the name of our blessed Redeemer, and answer for His sake, we earnestly beseech Thee, O Lord, our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, who didst call us into being, and hast given to us the most excellent faculty of reason, that we might know and understand Thee, we most humbly beseech Thee, in Thy mercy, to preserve that gift to every one of us as we now enjoy it. Make us fully to understand and value it, as the highest of all gifts, because without it, we cannot apprehend Thee, or know that a heavenly rest is prepared for us. And, with this understanding, give us the earnest desire to keep and use it as from Thee, as an evidence of Thy mercy and love towards fallen man. Let no indulgence of passion, pride, or evil desire interfere with its wholesome exercise; let no vain presumption weaken its effect; nor let us do anything which may destroy or lessen its power and sway over us. Give us grace so to exercise it, that we ever seek Thy superintending influence, and, by prayer, ask Thy Holy Spirit's guidance, that we be not led astray, through vain philosophy, or too presumptuous trust in our own selves. Enable to see into what errors unassisted reason has led, and ever will lead, man; how he is so tempted to forget his Maker, to forsake his Redeemer, and to refuse the sanctifying influence of the Holy Ghost. And, for Jesu's sake, be attent unto our prayer, that we may be kept humble in our own eyes, and before men, as He was in all things, to Thy honor and glory, O Lord, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

LORD, Thou art mighty, and merciful as mighty; Thou art everlasting, and Thy love fails not. Oh, set Thyself before us as a loving God. Thou doest this; Thou shewest forth Thy loving kindness every hour of our lives, but we refuse to see it, or, if we feel the blessing, we too often fail to acknowledge it, and the hand from whence it came. And our days are wearing away; the time in which we are permitted to own Thee as the Author of all good is slipping by; our lives are coming to an end. Oh, let us not spend the remainder of them in like ingratitude; suffer us not to live henceforth as if we owed Thee nothing, or as if we could supply our own necessities, or remove the smallest wants. Thou knowest how impossible this is; we beseech Thee to convince us that we cannot do it, and then lead us to Thee that we may, in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known unto Thee. And permit us not to ask for such things as only our fleshly nature requires; as our carnal appetites prompt, but teach us to ask for those better things which we so much more need, the gifts and graces of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not only profess ourselves to be christians, but may to our lives' end, adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. We earnestly ask these things because they are necessary to us, that we may have peace and happiness here, as well as hereafter. Oh, grant them for that Saviour's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast told us in Thy holy word, that the heart is deceitful above all things, and we have read that awful truth in our own sad case. We must own that we have indeed found it too true, for we know not our own selves as we ought; we are continually led astray by evil suggestions from within, and our heart dictates proud things. When we seek the pleasures of life and time, it bounds lightly; but when we are led to Thee by the coming hour of prayer it beats with no joy, nor gives brightness nor peace, as it should do, to the countenance, We know, O Lord, that it should not be thus. We are called by Thy name; we owe all things here to Thee, and our hopes of an hereafter all spring from Thee. Thou hast bidden us, as sons, to give Thee our hearts; yea, as sons and daughters, to come unto Thee. Oh, implant in us, we beseech Thee, such love towards Thee, that we may flee to Thee in every trial, that we may seek Thee in every temptation; that we may, in every hour, cast all our care upon Thee, and no longer trust to our unstable selves. Let the light of Thy truth beam upon us, and the brightness of Thy countenance be our rejoicing. Let our days of health and prosperity be given to Thee, by an earnest service; and let the example of Jesus Christ be ever before us, and His name be our watchword. And vouchsafe, now, to hear us for His sake, that our petitions may not return unto us void, but that we may have the things we ask for, now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, holy and eternal, who art ever more ready to hear than we to pray, and who desirest not the death of a sinner, we most humbly beseech Thee to look upon us, who meet here together, from time to time, in Thy dear Son's name. Yea, Lord, let Thy compassion be aroused for us, and in pity help us, that we die not. We have so often listened to the word of exhortation, and yet fallen away again from the truth as it has been delivered unto us, that we know our case to be desperate. We are not so sold under sin, as to be entirely indifferent about a future state. We are not so besotted with iniquity, as to be altogether careless whether we attain to heaven or not, thanks to Thy preventing grace; but we do not, we cannot labor, and pass our time as if we were anxious about it; as if we were desirous, above all things, to make our calling and election sure. Oh, do Thou so impress us with the importance, the wisdom of doing this, and the folly as well as sin of neglecting it, that we may henceforth strive with more patience, more earnestness, more zeal, to perfect holiness in the fear of Thee; to walk according to our profession as christians, to manifest the power of Thy grace, and the effectual strivings of Thy Spirit, to keep ourselves unspotted from the world; and to manifest to all men that we are Thy disciples, that Thy name may be glorified in each one of us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, spare us; be not extreme to mark our misdoings; let not the sins and offences of this day be remembered against us; but blot them out of the book of Thy remembrance, for Jesus Christ's sake. And let not this our prayer be the mere utterance of our lips, and so add to our condemnation. We know, O Lord, how strong is the temptation to wandering thoughts; yea, even when we have knelt down, oppressed with care, and desirous to have it removed, though our words were to that effect, our minds have too often gone astray; we have forgotten Thee, our necessities, and our duty. Time after time has this been the case; and still we so offend against Thee, daring Thine anger, and, asking, as it were, vengeance. Oh, grant that we presume not on Thy long-suffering; allow us not to say to ourselves, God has so long spared us, He will pardon yet again; He is not extreme to mark what is done amiss, He will, therefore, not visit for these things. Purify us, rather, by a chastening rod; try us, rather by affliction and distress. But, Lord, bring us, by whatever means Thou mayest see fit and best, to Thyself; bring us to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant; bring us to Thy Holy Spirit the Sanctifier, that we may be purged from all our sins that we may learn to know and serve Thee better; that we may turn in heart and spirit to our God. And let the name and merits of Jesus be our plea now and evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou art our God, though we serve Thee not; Thou art our Redeemer, though we continue in our sins; and, though we refuse all the sanctifying influences which Thou vouchsafest, yet Thou waitest to be gracious. Oh, how often have we tried Thy patience; how often have we acted as if there were no God, and we had no account to give at the last. Oh, pardon us, we earnestly beseech Thee, and let no day pass by us without bringing to our remembrance the folly of our doings, the sins we are continually committing, and the neglect of Thy most holy laws to which we must plead guilty. Yea, Lord, we know that we do not approach as nearly as we might to that standard of holiness and perfection which is set before us, in our great Example, Jesus Christ. We do not strive to win the prize of our high calling in Him, as we daily strive for earthly gain or goods. We serve our worldly masters more diligently, than we serve Thee; we obey their commands more readily than Thy laws; for we love the world more than Thee. The very best of us, if we know our own hearts, must acknowledge this. Grant that we do so with deep sorrow, with penitence, with a desire to amend, and a godly determination henceforth to apply ourselves first to seek Thy kingdom and righteousness, that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness, and in the end obtain everlasting life. Grant these thinks, we pray Thee, in mercy and love, for the sake of our dear Redeemer and God, Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL, and holy Lord God, Thou hast been very gracious unto us from our birth to this day, and we would praise and magnify Thy name for all Thy mercies. We would tell forth Thy goodness, and declare Thy power, but we cannot do it as we ought. Assist us, O Lord; open our lips, let our tongues praise Thee. But, above all, endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; that we may walk before Thee in the land of the living; that we may lead lives in accordance with our profession as disciples of a crucified Redeemer. Thou hast, in infinite love, set before us a rule of life and conduct in Thy holy word; Thou hast there written, for our instruction, such plain and clear laws and directions that the most ignorant may understand, and the most weak may obey, them. Thou hast raised up among us true and faithful ministers, to explain Thy word, and to promulgate that law, and we know that we are inexcusable if we fail to obey in all things. Therefore, O Lord, we again petition Thee, to soften our hard hearts, and to renew right spirits within us; take away from us our stony hearts, and give us hearts of flesh. And, oh, let us seek to join the services of the morrow in Thy house with earnestness, and longing desire. Set before us the great privilege vouchsafed to us of meeting Thee there, and communing with Thee, and help us in all our services and preserve us to them, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, Thou hast taught us in Thy holy word, that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; Thou hast declared unto us our entire weakness and inability to serve or please Thee; to work out our own salvation; to do the things that Thou requirest of us, unless Thy especial grace prevent and follow us. But Thou hast, at the same time, in great mercy and love proclaimed that our sufficiency is of Thee. Thou hast pointed out to us the way of salvation, and hast promised to receive us if we walk therein. Let Thy Holy Spirit now descend into the heart of each one of us, to root out there every presumptuous thought, and high imagining. Let Him take from us the feeling that we are better than we are; that we are pleasant and acceptable, for our own sakes, unto Thee, and convince us that except in, and through Christ, we have no access unto Thee, nor any hope of salvation. Purify us from all pride, and vanity; take away all deceit, all foolish trust and confidence, and humble us, so that we may look up to Thee with a full conviction of our ruined state by nature, and be able to cry in the simple confidence of a pure faith, Abba, Father; that we may be led to cling to Thee as a sure defence against all the trials and sorrows of this life. And let our plea, that Jesus died for us, prevail on our behalf, that through Him we may be saved to Thy glory, O Lord God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Saviour, Thou merciful Redeemer; we have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, and our hearts have been moved at the mention of Thy wondrous works. Thou hast given sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf; Thou hast loosened the bands of sin, and the captive, at Thy bidding has gone free; the devils, we know, O Lord, have obeyed Thy voice and fled. And now we come into Thy presence, that we may receive, for we would ask in faith, and earnestly plead, since our sins lie heavy upon us, and our iniquities threaten destruction. Oh, look upon us with such pity, as that with which, in the days of Thy flesh, Thou didst regard the erring people of Thine own land. Plead Thy sufferings, that the atonement which Thou hast wrought, may work for us; that the redemption which Thou hast perfected may include us, and that we may have remission of our sins through the shedding of Thy blood upon the cross. We cannot tell our sins, for they are more than we can number; they increase day by day; and yet Thou art the same Lord, ready with pardon, and to give peace. Shew us Thy love; make us partakers of Thy mercy; and forsake us not, when we fall; but make us more careful, more watchful, more diligent; and give us such a love of Thee, that we may ever strive to be Thine; Thine here and Thine hereafter that Thy work may not be in vain for us, O gracious Saviour, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, abundant in mercy and goodness, the Protector of all who trust in Thee, we again seek Thy protection, now that we are about to mingle with the world, and to be busied in the engagements of another week. Thou hast mercifully permitted us to spend another Sabbath upon earth; Thou hast granted to us the inestimable privilege of acknowledging it as Thy day, and of hearing, in its sacred hours, the words of comfort, the voice of warning, the instruction which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Oh, let not the busy scenes of life, the duties of our several callings; the pleasures which may surround us, or the smiles of friends or seductions of worldly companions, weaken the impressions then made, or drive Thee from Thy place in our hearts. Suffer us not to forget for one moment that it is Thine arm only which can protect, whilst it is Thy strength only which can sustain us. Establish in us a firm trust, an unwavering reliance on Thy promises, which are sealed to us in Christ Jesus, and are yea and amen to all that believe. Open our mouths to speak often to each other of Thy love and mercies, and give us all patient and attentive ears. Make us to remember that, as we pass our time here, so will be our hereafter, and that if peace and love prevail not amongst us on earth, we cannot meet, where only they are perfect, in heaven. But keep us all of this household in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace, for Thy dear Son's sake, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our Maker, we, the creatures of Thy hands, again seek Thy mercy seat, with our evening supplications; we again utter unto Thee our praises and our prayers. Hear us, for Thy dear Son's sake, and preserve us, by Thy great power, unto our lives' end. We have passed another day in safety, and another day's protection has been vouchsafed to us; we have had granted to us such things as were needful; let us, therefore, give thanks unto the Author of such goodness, and let us praise Thy holy name. We have not deserved these things from Thee, but Thou dost not measure Thy mercies by our love, else were we lost and undone; forsaken of our God, and left to die. Oh, continue Thy goodness to us, and give us hearts to serve Thee, as our best and only praise. Let our mouths tell of Thy goodness to the sons of men. If we receive any good things from Thee, teach us, with the gift, to acknowledge the Giver. And establish in us the spirit of holy gratitude, that we may receive no unacknowledged favor, neither from Thee nor our fellow-men. And the more gifts we have, the more love we experience, so much the more earnest make us to work the work we have in hand, that our salvation may be secured, and that we may perceive and know that we are Thy disciples indeed. Accept us, O Lord, and answer our petitions, which we make in Thy dear Son's name, for His sake, for He is our only Hope and Stay, and Comforter, and Redeemer, for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, we know that Thou hast promised to those who seek Thee early, that they shall find Thee; and we know that Thou waitest to be gracious, for Thou wouldest not that any should perish. Enable us now, whilst the day-spring from on high beams, and whilst health and energy are ours, to seek Thee with such diligence, such perseverance, and such zeal, that Thy promises may be accomplished in each one of us. O Lord, we have not sought Thee hitherto as we ought; we have not given to Thee our hearts, and endeavored to serve Thee with the energy which we have exhibited in our search after worldly comforts or enjoyments. Here we have indeed sought many things, whilst we were content to be far away from Thee; we have been satisfied here with the fleeting pleasures of a season, forgetful of those pleasures which are at Thy right hand for evermore. And yet thou hast spared us. Oh, lead us to think upon this; to ponder it in our hearts, and, communing with Thee in our spirits, in the secrecy of our chambers, to make our peace ere it be too late. Draw us from the allurements of time and sense; from the vain desires of our fleshly minds, and from the company of those who know Thee not, or who are careless and indifferent about their service of Thee. And lead us into the way of righteousness; let Thy mercy guide and keep us all to our lives' end, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast spoken to us often in Thy providential dealings; Thou hast called to us in a voice of love, by Thy mercies and good gifts, and Thy thunders have told of anger and indignation, which will consume the sinner. Every thing around us speaks of Thee, for Thou hast made them all, and Summer and Winter proclaim that Thou art great, and greatly to be feared, for the heat overtakes us, and we cannot flee from it, neither can we escape the biting tempests of the later season. And yet, O Lord, man walks abroad, as if he were God, and he holds his head on high, as if all power were his, and none should gainsay him. Nay, he will sometimes thus follow to the grave a departed friend, nor remember that soon his turn must come, and, much as he dreads to think of that hour, ere long it will bring a sure summons which he cannot disobey. If any one of us be thus living, in mercy, now dispel the dangerous delusion; now remove from us the sinful thought, and make us to remember that dust we are, and to dust we must return. Shew to us our nothingness, our inability to walk or do, if Thou refuse the power, or even to think, unless Thy mercy gives the energy. And, in this knowledge make us humble, lowly, condescending. Lead us into the footsteps of of Him, who so walked, and for His sake preserve us blameless, that we may be saved at the last, to the honor and glory of the eternal Trinity, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our gracious Father, Thou lovest us, for we are Thy creatures, and Thou wouldest have every one of us to be saved, for Thou hast prepared a place of eternal rest and happiness for us. Whilst we were sunk in ignorance Thou didst make Thy light to shine, and when we were lost in sin, Thou didst raise up for us a Redeemer. Through Jesus Christ we have access unto Thee, and by Him we now come. Purify our hearts from all pollution of the flesh and spirit; wean us from this world, and draw our affections from earthly things. Endue us with such holiness of spirit, that we may, with every morning's dawn, lay to heart our lost condition by nature, and seek to know how we may pass the day which is before us in the faith and fear of Thee, O God. Let our earnest supplications for grace and strength be daily made unto Thine ear; and suffer us not to be faint or weary in such well-doing. Go forth with us, now, O God; be our shleiid, our staff, our help; keep our feet that they stumble not; our hearts, that they indulge no evil, Set a watch upon our lips, and grant that we speak neither guile nor malice; and let not evil come nigh to hurt us. Be Thou also thus merciful to all our dear friends and relations; preserve them as Thine own; keep them under the shadow of Thy wings, and make them to know and serve Thee in spirit and in truth. And bless them and us together, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

WE know, O Lord, that it is of Thy mercy we are here met once more together, and that it is Thy love which has preserved us through the past day, and we would utter our feeble though heart-felt praise for this renewed proof of Thy great goodness towards the children of men. What are we that Thou shouldest be mindful of us; what have we done, that Thou shouldest regard us; and whereon can we rest any hope that Thou wilt save us. Thanks be to Thee, O gracious God, we have One who pleads for us, and in the light of whom Thou wilt look upon every creature of Thy hands. Bring us into that light, we beseech Thee; yea, let the light of His countenance be upon us, and shew us Thy favor. Suffer us not, since Thou hast taught us the way, and found for us an access unto Thee, to fall back, to despise Thy mercy, or to be regardless of Thy love. Strive with each one of us in this hour, and convince us thoroughly how much we need Thine assistance in every work to which we are called. Let us not imagine that we can do anything but sin without Thee. And in all our doings do Thou go before us. Be present to help and defend, if temptation come; to sustain if adversity overtake us; to keep us from presumption, and vain self dependence, if the world smiles, and prosperity attends us, and to be our guide in every hour, that we may live to Thy honor and glory, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, everlasting Father, we Thine unworthy creatures dare to speak to Thee, because we have the name of Jesus given to us, and in Him we have access unto Thee. Enable us to remember, now that our knees are bent for prayer, in whose presence we are, that we may, indeed, pray unto Thee. We need many things; more than we can number; yet we know not our need, because we will not examine ourselves as we ought. O Lord, illuminate our hearts by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, and give us such understanding, that we may henceforth be able to follow up the duty of self-examination with diligence and earnestness; that we may undertake it in the faith and fear of Thee, and faint not nor become weary under the painful, because profitable exercise. Lead us to see that, when we go astray, it is because we do not know ourselves as we ought; because we are not prepared against the temptations to which we are more peculiarly liable; and because we have not learned that, as one temptation is overcome, another may arise, and cause us to stumble or fall. We have not been taught by Thy Spirit, O Lord, we know, unless we do the things which please Thee; and, alas, we err from Thy ways continually. Oh, again we ask, give us that teaching, and make us submissive under it; subdue in us all pride, and every hindrance to the knowledge of Thy truth, and let our Saviour's merits now stand in our stead, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

TO Thee, O Lord, and to Thy mercy do we owe it that we have again met together; oh, let our hearts offer Thee now such service as shall shew a sense of that mercy. We praise Thee for Thy goodness exhibited to us during the hours of this almost ended day. The shadows of night have again encompassed us, and we are safe. The day has passed by us, and we have been preserved from harm. Lead us to contemplate how much of evil might have befallen us, hadst Thou not, in great love, stretched out Thine arm as a shield and defence. Many have fallen this day, and we are spared again to worship Thee, and again to ask Thy favor. Disease has taken hold of numbers, but we have escaped, and we can now give our thoughts to Thee, and no pain distract our minds as we call upon Thee. Oh, praised be Thy holy name, for all these things, and let our hearts with our voices magnify Thee in this our solemn meeting. And do Thou go hence with us, to preserve us through the hours of darkness, which we must pass ere another day dawn. Give Thy holy angels charge over us, that we may keep our thoughts on Thee. Refresh us with comfortable sleep, that we may be renewed for the duties of the morrow, if it please Thee to spare us to that time; or, if not, let our preparation be now perfect, and give us that sure trust and confidence which the Gospel inspires, that we are Thine, for the sake of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

THE night has passed, O God, and we are safe. Yea, Lord, Thy mercy has spared us to give Thee thanks, our bounden duty, for the life which is still ours. But make us to remember that, though Thou hast thus so lovingly dealt with us, it is not because we deserved it, but because Thou art long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and mercy. And impress upon us also, O good Lord, how much our responsibility is thus increased. We have again tasted that the Lord is gracious; we have again seen that our God watcheth over us; we have again found that He keepeth the sheep of His pasture in perfect safety. Oh, if we have entered that fold, suffer us not to stray from it. Make us to delight in the voice of the good Shepherd, who calls all His sheep by their names; place Him before us as the only one to whom we may trust, and on whom we may repose unwavering confidence. Give us a hearty desire to swell the number in that fold, that we may go forth this day and ever strong in Thee, and in the power of Thy might to lead others, if possible unto Thee; yea, Lord, let us say something for our Saviour; let us shew to the world that we are His disciples; but in all, let us give to whom only it is due, the honor, and praise; let us declare the mercy which revealed the things we know unto us, as Thine O God, our Father, reconciled to us in Christ Jesus. And hear us, we pray Thee, in Thy mercy and love since they are great to usward, for His sake, our Redeemer, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, almighty and everlasting, receive us in this our evening service, and regard us with Thy favor, for Jesus Christ's sake. We know and acknowledge, that we are not worthy of the least of Thy many mercies, but Thou wilt hear the petitions of all who ask in Thy dear Son's name, therefore, we come. Oh, be not extreme to mark what we have done amiss this day. Let our sins of omission and commission press so heavily upon us, that we may repent in sincerity; that we may feel the burden of them so intolerable, and the danger we incur by reason of them so great and terrible as to lead us to Thee for pardon, peace, and reconciliation. Suffer us not to be deluded by the notion that, because they seem small to our natural senses, therefore, they are of little consideration with Thee; but lead us to weigh them in the just balance of Thy law; and, in the remembrance of that denunciation—The soul that sinneth, it shall die—to call upon Thee for immediate forgiveness. We have been taught that, now is the accepted time; therefore, we would now ask, in all humility, but with unwavering confidence in Thy dear Son's intercession, that Thou wouldest be pleased to grant us a repentance not to be repented of; that Thou wouldest blot out all our sins and offences past, that Thou wouldest give us grace and strength, and preserve us for the time to come, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the holy One, and true, we are Thy creatures, for Thou hast made us, Thou didst fashion us at the first, for Thine own honor and glory, and Thou didst make us to be Thine for ever. But we have gone far from Thee; our feet love to wander out of the way; we cleave to the things of this world, rather than to those which minister unto salvation. We despise Thy wrath, and refuse Thy mercy. Oh, let Thy pardoning grace attend us; let the remembrance of Jesu's blood draw us to Thee, and Thee to us. Let the many, the hourly, acts of love which we experience from Thee, not be done on our behalf in vain; let us not live as if this life were all, or as if we had little to do here; but open our eyes to see how much we have to do, if we would be saved at the last. Be with each one one of us, we beseech Thee, this day, according to his necessities. If we be weak, strengthen, if strong, support, us, that we may do all the work we have to do effectually. And teach us how to do it unto Thee, and not unto men. Oh, suffer us not to think that, if we only pass our time, and our fellows complain not, we are safe and sure, but endue us with real wisdom, that wisdom which is from Thee, that we may remember our responsibility is to Thee and not to men only; that, whilst we serve them diligently and faithfully, we must also bear in mind that for each act we have to give an account at the last. Oh, grant it may be one which Thou canst approve, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Almighty, who dwellest high above all, and yet humblest Thyself to look down upon the sons of men to help, and to bless them, we most earnestly beseech Thee now to regard us. Let Thy Holy Spirit influence us whilst we offer our petitions, that they may be acceptable with Thee, that our prayer may not return unto us void. We would entreat Thee on behalf of our Sovereign the Queen. Look upon her in mercy and love; make her to remember whose servant she is to obey, that she may seek wisdom and strength from on high, and endeavor daily to walk in the steps of Him, who is King of kings and Lord of lords, and through whom only can she reign in peace here or have hope of joy hereafter. Let Thy blessing rest on her consort, and that offspring whom Thou hast given to them. May they all dwell under the shadow of Thy wings, and may the youthful minds be led, with their earliest dawnings, to seek Thee in everything. Give to all in authority in our land, wisdom and discretion; enable them to throw off all prejudices, and to disregard all earthly advantages, that they may rule in the faith and fear of Thee, and find Thee, as Thou hast promised to be, a very ready help in every trouble which may harrass or annoy them. And keep us all in obedience to the powers that be, as Thine ordinance, that we, both Master and Servants, high or low, may all meet as one at the right hand of the Judge, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL, and holy Lord God, who didst of old make Thy gracious promises unto faithful Abraham and his seed, that a blessing might come upon us by faith; and who hast confirmed them unto all that believe in Thee, through Jesus Christ; we most humbly beseech Thee to give unto us such faith, that each one here present may inherit the promises, and secure the blessing. We know that they are Thy free gift, O Lord; we know that we cannot attain unto them of ourselves; but we know also that Thou wouldest not that any should fail to obtain them. Oh, give to us such perseverance in well doing; such a measure of Thy grace, and such confidence in Thy mercy and love, that we may lay aside every thing, be it of pleasure or profit, which shall hinder us in running the race that is set before us. Let neither pride nor indifference, carelessness nor folly stand in our way, when we would advance in our christian course. Suffer not the violence of temper, anger or sullenness, to make us forget that with them we cannot serve Thee; that to be Thine, we must overcome every evil passion, and humble every feeling which accords not with Thy holy law. Preserve us, O Lord, of this household in the unity of the Spirit; make us to live together as brethren, as members of a family dedicated to Thee, and hoping one and all for the fulfilment in us of Thy gracious and great promise, even eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our compassionate Lord, who providest for our necessities, who suppliest our wants, and dost, in great mercy, alleviate our sufferings, we pray Thee to awaken in us such feelings of compassion, such pity and such love, that we may go about doing good, and so follow here in the footsteps of our blessed Lord and Saviour. We have this day, by Thy goodness, had set before us the word of life and truth; we have again, by Thy mercy, been permitted to join with Thy worshipers in the public services of the sanctuary, and thus has the bread of life been richly distributed to us. Oh, grant that we may not be selfish partakers; that we may not be content to feed on it ourselves only, but that we may give to others as freely and as largely as we have received. And bless us in our endeavors to do so. Teach us how best to do it; let Thy Holy Spirit direct us in this and all our doings, that Thy honor and glory may be promoted and shewn forth in and by us now and ever. And oh, be merciful unto those, who have this day so grieviously sinned, by forsaking the assembling of themselves together in Thy house; turn them, good Lord, turn them ere it be too late. And pardon our short-comings; let not our wandering thoughts, our vain desires, our foolish imaginings be recorded against us at the last, but preserve us, one and all, in the faith and fear of Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, who hast promised to those that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Thou, who hast told us of eternal joy in those mansions, which our blessed Saviour went before to prepare for us; and who hast given to us an assurance in His death and resurrection, that, when these mortal bodies have lain in the dust, they shall rise again; we beseech Thee to instil into us such love towards Thee, that we may love Thee above all things; that we may seek Thee with every morning's early dawn, that we may walk with Thee through every day, and cleave to Thee as our only sure stay in every trial, and difficulty, and sorrow. We know that our natural hearts love the allurements of the world; the voice of pleasure catches the ear; the sight of beauty attracts the eye; ease lulls us into forgetfulness, and self draws us away from all that is profitable, or really delightful. Yet, Lord, Thou waitest to be gracious; Thou strivest with us from day to day; Thou snatchest from our lips the draught we would sip; because, in mercy, Thou wouldest shew us how transitory and fleeting are earthly goods. We see the strong man bowed down, and youth cut off, and the sunshine of worldly prosperity clouded, because Thou desirest Thy creatures to flee vanity, and not to trust to uncertain goods. Oh, teach us wisdom from these things, and make us to put our trust only in Thee, the living God; to whom with the Son, and Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all honor and glory, dominion and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU eternal God, who, dwelling in the highest heavens, yet humblest Thyself to look upon Thy creatures here on earth, look down now, we pray Thee, with an eye of love and compassion, upon this household, met in Thy dear Son's name, to ask Thy protection, and to seek Thy favor. Let thy fatherly arm be stretched over us, to guard in every hour of danger, and to keep us in all our goings; to stay us when evil threatens, and to encourage when we should go forward in our christian course. O Lord, give us that heavenly spirit which was in our Saviour Jesus Christ, and which led Him to do all His Father's will; to bear with patience every trial, and to bow with submission to every sorrow, and the grief which attended Him from the cradle to the grave. Make us to seek that holy union which He came to establish, that we may be all one, even as He and Thou, our God, are one; having one only desire, to do Thy will and to accomplish the work which Thou hast given us here to do. May we learn from Him to love as brethren; to exercise patience, and every christian grace and virtue; to be gentle, kind, meek, forgiving. Teach us to pray for each other as for ourselves individually; that we may bear each other's burden, and assist each other in our onward course; knowing that we are but strangers and pilgrims here on earth, and therefore, being more earnest to walk as one, heavenward. O gracious Lord, enable us to do this by Thy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, and heavenly Father, our very God, we once more bow before Thee; oh, do Thou bow our hearts with our knees, for they are very stubborn, so that we cannot give ourselves unto Thee in prayer as we ought. How often, O Lord, have we come into this place to worship Thee, and yet how often have we gone away, when we have offered only a lip service. Yet, Lord, we own that our worship is Thy due, our reasonable service to Thee, for Thou givest us all things richly to enjoy, and askest only our hearts in return. And we own that we do not so treat our wordly friends. For them we keep the smile; to them we offer the right hand of love, and on their behalf we put forth our energies, as if we could not sufficiently return their kindness. Oh, do Thou again strive with us, that we may be led to a more spiritual sense of our responsibility; that we may learn wisdom from on high, and not trust to the wisdom of this world which is foolishness, nor to the things of this life, which are vanity. Bring us to Thyself by the cords of love and mercy; deal with us patiently; be not extreme to mark our misdoings; but correct us in Thy forbearance. Yet suffer us not to presume on Thy goodness and forbearance, and so to harden our hearts, but soften them thereby, that they may receive all the impressions of Thy law, and that we, walking in them, may be safe and happy to our souls' comfort. Grant this, we pray Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, our Guardian and Guide, accept us, for the love Thou bearest to Thine own dear and only Son, and bless us in this meeting for His sake. Open our eyes to see ourselves as we are; to examine ourselves by Thy law, to try ourselves by Thy commandments, to prove our own selves, whether we be in the faith. Thou hast, in mercy, entered into covenant with us; Thou didst receive us through the holy rite of baptism, and Thou hast since, from time to time, given to us means of grace, and afforded us opportunities in which we might learn more of Thee, and more closely study Thy word; by which we might be enabled to know more clearly Thy nature, and the requirements of our God. Oh, mercifully pardon us, that we have so often neglected, or refused to profit by, Thy loving kindness; that we have so frequently run contrary to Thy will, and done despite to the spirit of grace; and strengthen us, that we may amend for the time to come. Endue us more and more with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may grow in godliness, that we may strive after holiness, that we may labor for the meat that perisheth not, that bread which came down from heaven, and that we may feast thereon, and have our souls satisfied. In all things, O Lord, shew them to us as they are, that we be not dazzled nor deluded, but that, having our eyes opened by Thy Spirit, we may discern spiritual things, and walk according to the example of our blessed Lord in whose name we come, and further pray in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O LORD, what are we, that we should come into Thy presence; that we should lift up our eyes to Thy throne, or raise our voices in supplication before Thee. We are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies; and yet we ask an increase of them. We deserve not to be remembered by Thee, and yet we seek to have ourselves ever in Thy mind; we can claim nothing for ourselves at Thy hands, and yet we desire, with boldness, to have supplies of grace, more and more, day by day; for we know that we have a Saviour who has wrought out a plenteous redemption for us; a great High Priest, who has made atonement for our sins; an Intercessor, who still pleads at Thy right hand; and through Him we come, His name we plead, on His merits we rely, and so ask, that we may having a saving faith, a bright hope, a holy confidence, an unwavering trust in Thy mercy and pardoning love. Increase, we beseech Thee, these precious gifts in us; make us to feel our entire need of them; our insufficieny without them. Enlighten us, especially to see ourselves as we are, the sons of fallen Adam made in his likeness, and therefore, prone to evil, loving iniquity, and indulging in sin, until Thy restraining Spirit sanctifieth us for a better work; and then draw us to Thyself; implant in us new and more holy desires; give us a surer trust in Thee, that we may have the heavenly assurance of pardon, and find that peace, which is only Thine to give, through Him who bought it for us with His own blood, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and only Hope. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most mighty, yet most merciful; O eternal Father, who pitiest Thy creatures, treating them as dear children; reasoning with them as Thy beloved, and giving, for their sakes, the Son of Thy love to die upon the cross, we beseech Thee to look upon this household and family with an eye of favor, and let Thy compassion be awakened for each one of us. We pray unto Thee for each other, that we may be all of one mind, and one heart; that we may have the blessed spirit which was in Thy dear Son; a spirit of love and sympathy; a spirit of patience, meekness, and forbearance, but a spirit also of honesty and faithfulness. Subdue within us whatsoever is contrary to our christian profession; all evil emotions, all unholy desires, all unruly affections, and carnal lusts. Teach us with patience, O Lord; be not extreme to mark our misdoings; let not Thine anger be kindled when we go astray; but, in mercy, spare us yet longer that we may have time to repent, and to turn to Thee, and draw us, we pray Thee, by the cords of Thine eternal love. Oh, enable us to see our continual folly in running wildly after things of time and sense, which are but vanities; in seeking wordly pleasures which cannot satisfy, or worldly praise, which is but an empty sound. And then, lead us to a simple and sincere faith in Him who is our propitiation, that we may seek, by walking in His steps, by following the example He set us, to glorify Thee in all things, and to be Thy disciples indeed. Oh, hear us, good Lord, and answer for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, whose property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our prayers, which we would now offer in earnestness, but humility, in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son. We need Thy mercy, O Lord, for we have often strayed from the paths of righteousness, and forgotten truth; we have left the ways of Thy commandments, and forgotten the covenant which we made with Thee in our youth. Pardon, good Lord, and remember not our misdeeds; forgive our iniquity and sin, and let not ruin be our lot. Shew us how grievous sin is in Thy sight, make us sensible that Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and that, if we would stand before Thee, we must purify ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and perfect holiness in the fear of Thee. And enable us, we pray Thee, to do this; for we cannot do it of ourselves; keep us by Thy power, through faith unto salvation; establish us in every good word and work; confirm our goings in Thy way that we slip not, and lead us in the way everlasting. Make us to walk as one, having Thy law as our rule and guide, Thy precepts as our direction, and Thy judgments as our caution; then shall we all rejoice in Thy holy name and in heart and spirit utter a thanksgiving unto our God, a hymn of grateful praise to the Author of our Salvation. O hear, and bless, and accept us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord, our Redeemer, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD most holy, Thou everlasting Saviour, and merciful Lord, let Thine ear be attent to our prayers; hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest forgive, for Jesus Christ's sake. Grant unto us, Thy humble servants, such things as may be profitable for us; and endue us with quiet contented spirits. Shew us how few are our real wants here, how small our necessities, and let us learn how much greater are the soul's requirements, so that we waste not the precious moments of life in care for earthly possessions, but that we occupy them in working out our salvation. And do Thou, O God, work in us to will and do such things as are agreeable to our Christian profession. Strengthen us in every hour of trial, be our Guide and Guard when temptation assails; if sorrow overtake, be Thou our Comforter; and when hope grows faint, and joys begin to make to themselves wings, oh, do Thou draw nearer to us, and give us more grace that we may see and know Thee as a very present help in every time of trouble. Strengthen then our faith in the efficacy of the atoning blood of Christ; keep our eyes singly on Him; make our trust simple and sincere, and purge us from all pollution of the flesh and spirit, and grant that at the last we may receive the end of our faith, that Thy gracious promise may be fulfilled in each one of us, even the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who lovest to defend Thy people, and art their protector and only shield, draw us, we pray Thee, by Thy power, that we may be made spiritually members of that holy company, and have the blessed privilege of knowing Thee to be our God indeed. Take each one of us into Thine especial keeping this day; let no temptation overtake us, no evil come nigh to hurt us, no sorrow disturb our minds, or pain visit us. Keep a watch over our lips that they speak no guile; let not our tongue utter vain words, and oh, grant in mercy, that we speak not Thy name irreverently or lightly. But, should temptation arise, and we know the evil one is ready to devour, active, and diligent, give us like activity, and like diligence; say to us Go onward, and let our faith be equal to our work; encourage us, O Lord, that we do not delay; that we turn neither to the right hand nor to the left, but rest solely and confidingly on Thy power and will confirmed to us in the death of our blessed Saviour. Oh, let us not trifle with temptation; let us not persuade ourselves that we can compromise the matter, thinking we may yield a little and give Thee the rest, but enable us to understand Thy law which demands perfect holiness and purity, and Thyself who requirest the whole heart. Take ours, O gracious God, and mould them for Thyself; yea, good Lord, fashion in Thine own likeness, and keep them therein to our lives' end, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

LET us give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever; let us give thanks, for the Lord hath redeemed us; He hath wrought out a great salvation for us, and saved us from the hand of the enemy. O Lord, hear us, for we would declare Thy wonders and mercies of old, we would tell of Thy wonders from day to day; and Thy mercies we would shew forth in the voice of thanksgiving. Thou hast kept us from danger; Thou hast preserved us from evil, and the pestilence has not come nigh us. It is of Thee that we have been able to pass the hours of this day in health; and it is of Thine abundant love that we are again met in Thy dear Son's name. Oh, enable us, we beseech Thee, to shew forth these things in our lives; make each day another season, added to those which are gone before, of grateful homage, and reverential obedience, that our light may so shine before men that they, seeing our good works, may glorify Thee our Father in heaven; and that all men may know the riches of Thy grace as more solid, more enduring, and causing more joy than all the riches or good things of life; and may so be led to seek Thee and be saved. O do Thou draw many to Thee daily; make us instruments of good in Thy hands; open our mouths to proclaim with boldness and zeal the truth that is in Jesus, and accompany us in this and all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, for His sake, our Strength and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, the God of the whole world, for Thou hast made the whole, and governest it according to Thy good pleasure; and Thou hast redeemed its sinful people, the creatures of Thine hand, by an eternal redemption, wrought out for us through the blood of the Lamb; we pray Thee to hear us, as we offer our petitions on behalf of all men, and supplicate Thee for pardon and deliverance to every son of fallen Adam. Look down upon every race and condition; upon every class wheresoever they may be. Watch over them with a fatherly care, instruct them with a loving patience, and instil into their minds and hearts such love towards Thee, such a desire to know Thy will, and to walk according to Thy law and commandments that truth and peace may abound, and Thy name may be everywhere glorified. Subdue in us that pride which has ever been man's ruin, since it led to the fall in Paradise, and turn the hearts of many daily to Thy service. And, whilst we pray unto Thee on behalf of others, we would also ask Thee to look upon us with Thine especial favor. What we have learned of Thy truth, seal, O Lord, upon our hearts; and what we yet know not, do Thou in mercy teach us speedily, for the time is short. Days pass rapidly; season follows quickly on season, and the Spring has scarcely gone ere Winter seems to be at hand. Oh, leave us not to make our peace with Thee in the winter of our days, but turn us now, and be merciful unto us, and save us from the evil of this world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

WITH the close of another week, O Lord, we would come into Thy presence, and bend at Thy footstool, as miserable sinners. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and remember not our offences; let not our sins stand between us and Thy mercy; let not our misdoings cloud Thy face against us, but look upon a bleeding Saviour, and, for His sake, pardon us, and give ear unto our prayers. Enable us to call to mind the days we have spent since the eve of our last Sabbath, with all the doings which have marked them. Shew us our sins of omission and commission, and let Thy Holy Spirit enlighten us to behold them in their true light; as offensive to Thee, and destructive to ourselves, as breaches of Thy law which requires holiness in the inward parts. Oh, make us ever to remember that the soul that sinneth, it shall die; and diligently to seek Thy grace to strengthen us in every hour of temptation. Make us to be a strength to each other, that we may walk together as the redeemed of one Saviour, and the creatures of one God; the heirs of one heaven, and the joint partakers in one hope of glory, since Jesus died for us all, and alike waits to be gracious to each one of us. And do Thou fit us, by holy communings and pious thoughts, for the duties of the morrow. Draw us away from worldly things, and strengthen us that we may set our affections on heavenly things, and give us quiet rest and sleep; that we may rise to another day as Thine own day, cheerfully prepared for its duties, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS God, Thou Lord of the Sabbath, be with us through its sacred return, we pray Thee, and let its holy influence be upon us in its every hour. We are very apt, nay, ready to forget the sacred obligations of the day, Thine own sanctified season of rest; we will not remember Thy commandment which has bid us keep it holy, and which has bound upon us alike an abstinence from business and pleasure, an entire devotion of ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, to Thy service, for Thine honor, and the advancement of Thy kingdom. O God, look upon us as a nation, in pity and compassion, and be not extreme to mark the daring impiety which is sanctioned, nay, promoted with a high hand among us. Turn us, good Lord, and we shall be turned; spare us yet a little while; let Thy Spirit strive still longer with us, to convince us of our sin; to shew us its awful consequences, and to separate us from the ungodly of other lands. But especially keep us, of this household, and all near and dear to us, that we offend Thee not by any open or secret neglect of Thy holy day. Make us to love it as Thine, and Thee in it. Lead us to Thy courts with joyful hearts; open our mouths with the voice of thanksgiving, and let our aspirations be our spirits' addresses to the throne of grace, that we may rejoice yet more and more in the dying love of our only Saviour, and ever make Him our plea at Thy throne as we now do, and further whilst we use His own words:—Our Father

EVENING.

O MERCIFUL and eternal Lord, who delightest to deal with Thy creatures in love, and pity; we acknowledge, with deep thankfulness, the proof which Thou hast again given us of Thy tender compassion towards us in permitting us to enjoy the privileges of another Sabbath. We rejoice that we have been, once more, permitted to enter into the courts of Thine house, to join in the hymn of thanksgiving, and the prayers which Thy people have there offered unto Thee, O Lord, make us duly sensible of the benefits which Thine every ordinance may secure for us, and give us grace and strength to use them all to Thy glory. Keep us ever from wandering thoughts, and vain profitless speculations; and do Thou pardon the many in which we have this day indulged. Grant that they may not prove to have been hindrances to a profitable hearing, but seal upon the heart of each one of us the solemn truths we have now heard, to our great and endless comfort. Give us a growing desire to meet our blessed Saviour in the sanctuary; increase our love for that spot where Thou delightest to place Thy name, and let every house dedicated to Thy worship throughout this land be a house of prayer indeed. Oh, increase the number of Thy faithful worshipers everywhere, and add to Thy little flock to which we belong, and bless us all by Thy continuing favor, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, we desire again to come before Thee, and to dedicate ourselves with the early morning to Thy service. We would seek with earnest dispositions, with longing hearts, for with Thee is plenteous redemption and Thy favor is better than life itself. Oh, be nigh unto us, and bless us; for Jesus Christ's sake, listen to our prayer, and accept us as His redeemed. Let Thy Holy Spirit now descend into the heart of each one of us, to keep us in all our doings this day; to direct us, that we wander not, to warn us, lest we sin, and to restrain us when evil would have the mastery. Let us look to Him ere we move or speak; let us seek His direction even before we harbor a thought, knowing that the thought of wickedness is sin, and that, without Thine aid, we can do no good thing. Prosper Thou whatsoever we may put our hands unto, that we may do it well, bless all our labor this day, of whatsoever kind it may be, and let the evening hour witness of us to Thee that we are Thy disciples, having done Thy will, and wrought for Thy glory. Bless all near and dear to us in body and estate; give them an unwavering faith in Thy dear Son. Comfort the afflicted everywhere, and let the cry of the sorrowful come before Thee. But, above all, preserve Thou those that are appointed to die, and make us to remember our latter end, that we may be wise, seeking ever that better part which shall not be taken from us, and waiting the accomplishment of the time, that we may give account of our stewardship as faithful stewards, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU, O Lord, art merciful and gracious, shewing a perfect love to Thy creatures, the work of Thine hand, and Thou hast made them for Thyself, to be inheritors of Thy kingdom. Give us grace, O good Lord, to lay to heart this inestimable benefit, this great blessing, open our eyes to see ourselves as Thine own, created and made by Thee, and redeemed from sin by Thy dear Son, that we may value our privileges, and use them to our souls' comfort and eternal joy. Let each one of us ever remember that we must give an account of our stewardship; that we must shew ourselves, at the last, to have been Thy disciples indeed; to have loved Thee with a perfect and unwavering love, and yet, Lord, which of us can do this; which of us can say for himself,—Lord I thank Thee that this day I have done no sin; I have remembered Thee in all things; and have done all to Thy glory, and much for the advancement of Thy kingdom. Oh, no, good Lord, we must own, and mercifully grant that we do it with sincerity, that this day is a witness of forgetfulness of Thee, of departure from Thy law, and neglect of Thy mercies. Pardon us and deliver us; help us, good Lord, for vain is the help of man, and receive this our evening sacrifice of prayer and confession, not for our sakes or for our worthiness or merits, but for the sake of Him who died that we might live, and who has wrought for us a redemption which was not ours, and which is ours only by faith in Him, even Jesus, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God be glory for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou art found of them that seek Thee, and no one can come unto Thee, by the living way, but shall find Thee. Thou delightest to be gracious, and waitest for the sons of men. Thou invitest them by Thy ministers, whom Thou hast sent into all lands, and Thy Spirit strives with them to bring them unto Thee. Yet, Lord, we have held back and not obeyed Thy word; we have refused Thine invitations, and neglected or despised Thy warnings. We have gone astray and done very wickedly, and renewed mercies have failed to move us. O Lord, hear our confession, and help us, for vain is the help of man; shew us the light of Thy countenance and we shall be whole. Be our rock and fortress, and give us such a sure trust and confidence in Thee, that we may fear no evil, but keep our eye simply and singly on Thee in every hour and trial, and may in time of distress call upon Thee, knowing that Thou mayest be found. Go forth with us this day, and sanctify all our doings; bless us in our going out and coming in; yea, bless us with Thine abundant blessing, and visit all who belong to us in ties of either friendship or love. Keep them together with us to the great day, and make us all remember that the time is not far distant in the which all that are in their graves must hear the voice of Christ and come forth; for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised. And grant that our place may be at the right hand of the Lamb for ever and ever, for His sake, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our God and Saviour, we beseech Thee to hear us; Thou eternal One incline Thine ear unto us, and give an answer to our prayer. Plead our cause with Thy Father and our Father, and take our petitions in Thine own name unto Him. We pray Thee, in pity to our infirmity, to look upon our doings this day; be not extreme to mark what we have done amiss, but call to mind the days of Thine own pilgrimage here on earth; the sore temptations to which Thou wert subjected both within and without; Thy struggles with the evil one, and all the hindrances which life presents to a walk with God, and be merciful unto us. Shew us wherein we have forgotten Thee; make plain before us all our sins, and omissions; all our offences, which have taken us farther from Thy rule of life; whatsoever we have done amiss by thought, word, or deed, provoking Thy just wrath and indignation against us. Oh, let us not be deceived nor deceive ourselves in this matter; take the film from our eyes, and remove every prejudice from our minds; create us again, that, as new born babes, we may desire the sincere milk of the word; that word which is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Thee. Create in us a new heart; give us holy dispositions, that we may walk in Thy steps blameless, and be kept by the power of Thy Spirit unto the great day. Hear us, again we ask, and bless us, this night and evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O HEAVENLY Father, our very God, who hast mercifully called us to a knowledge of the truth, and hast vouchsafed to us means whereby we may learn more and more of that truth, and so come nearer to Thee; do Thou, we beseech Thee, preserve those means to us; remove not from us such proofs of Thy favor, such evidence of Thy love, though we have often despised and neglected them; though we have rejected Thine ordinances, and, too often, alas, turned away when we have been bidden, yet let Thy mercy still shine upon us, and the correcting hand of Thy judgment fall in gentleness, not in anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing. Take not away from us our opportunities of religious improvement, but rather increase their number; that we may the more increase in the likeness of Thy dear Son, and be more conformed to His image. Let each prayer find us attentive, and a responsive Amen tell how earnestly its petitions are echoed from our hearts. Let the words of Thy law, when read to us, ever find open and patient ears; and let all the instruction Thou vouchsafest, be to us the seed of good living. It is Thy work alone through the Spirit, O heavenly Father; and we know that only from Thee can we find power and grace to walk according to Thy law; strengthen us for the task, give us holy resolutions, and determination, and bless us in it, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer, and Advocate. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast graciously bidden all who are in trouble to call upon Thee, and hast promised to hear their cry, listen now to our humble supplications, and receive them favourably, for Jesus Christ's sake. But, that we may ask in faith, teach us to know Thee as Thou art; to understand Thy ways, and to study Thy law with a pure heart. Enable us to search the Scriptures with diligence and zeal, to give more heed to their precepts, and to pursue them with more earnestness, that our image may be reflected to us from that glass which deceives not; that we may learn to see ourselves as we are, to know and to prove our ownselves, and so be led to hasten onward in our christian course. O Lord, we pray Thee, earnestly, grant us grace to pray continually, that Thou wouldest remove from us the many hindrances which beset us; subdue in us all evil passions, all inordinate desires; take from us all wicked imaginations; all angry feelings; and set a watch upon our lips, and order our goings. Thou only canst work in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure; let Thy Spirit now bring us to an entire obedience to Thee. May He dwell in us, to influence every action, and to restrain us when we would wander from the path of duty, so that our days may witness to the world that we are Thy disciples, and that we may live before Thee in righteousness and holiness all our days. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, merciful and holy, the only true God, we most humbly beseech Thee to hear our petitions, and to accept our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. He has, in great love, told us that He is the way; He has declared that only by Him can any one come unto Thee, and He has promised not to cast out any who so come. We, therefore, approach Thee with boldness; we kneel before Thee with confidence, for we know that we have acceptance with Thee, for His sake. Oh, now teach us the things we need; shew to us our wants, and remove from us our fancied wants; let us not disquiet ourselves for things which cannot profit, nor waste our time to obtain things which only perish in the using. Make us less anxious to obtain worldly goods, and more earnest to secure those treasures which are Thy gift, and eternal life as our portion. Give us diligent enquiring spirits; and lead us often to a close and prayerful perusal of Thy word, in which we know are stored all the riches that can profit men either in time or for eternity. Make us more humble as we read; take away all pride, and prejudice from our hearts; and remove from us whatever savors of evil, or does not tend to advance us in our christian walk, or to promote holy desires and feelings. And do Thou enable us to trust only, and entirely to Him who is our Mediator; to that Advocate for sinners when they plead His name, Jesus Christ, through whom we now have had access unto Thee, our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD almighty, our only God, we have been taught that Thou art a God who hearest prayer, and that Thou wouldest be sought by all men; we, therefore, now again seek Thee, at the close of another day. We have been preserved by Thy mercy throughout its hours, and by Thy love we have been kept from the pestilence that flieth at noon-day. Shadows have darkened the hopes of many, and sorrows have dimmed the eyes of some, but we have been spared. Oh, that our lips could speak Thy praise; oh, that our voices could be heard to tell of Thy goodness; and that our lives might give evidence that we are not insensible of the least of all Thy mercies. Enable us, good Lord, to do this; rouse us from the love of ease, or profit, or pleasure, or from whatever else may hinder us in walking according to Thy law, and as the disciples of a loving Saviour. Suffer us not to imagine it an easy thing to obey and serve Thee as we ought. Let us not delude ourselves into the belief that we have only to resolve, and that then we can do, the thing which is good. But set before us the nature of the christian's warfare; that it is continuous, and requires every energy of body and soul, and much prayer. And teach us so to pray, that we may have strength from on high, that we may be girt by the Spirit of our God, and so walk safely amid all the temptations of this world, to the glory of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, who art the Author of life, and hast called us into being, that we may fit ourselves, by a holy obedience in this world, to dwell with Thee in the world to come, give us such help that we may do the work which Thou hast appointed unto us to do, and so receive Thy blessing. Enable us to empty ourselves of every vain thought; to put away all self-trust; and the imagination that we can do anything which shall be acceptable unto Thee, except as Thy grace may prevent and follow us. Pardon us as we have hitherto forgotten or neglected this solemn truth; oh, remember not how often we have gone forth without naming the name of Christ, or even without having thought how much we needed His aid in the work to which we were about to put our hands. Nay, good Lord, we have even approached Thy house of prayer on Thine own day of rest, as if our going there were a merit, and we had no need to turn our hearts unto Thee for help and assistance. Day by day we walk as Thou wert not, and as if Thy power were a dream. Turn us, good Lord, from such vain imaginations; shew us the truth as it is in Jesus; convince us of the efficacy of prayer; of Thy holiness, and our defilement; and make each one of this household to remember that our first responsibility is to Thee, and that, worshiping and serving Thee as we ought to do, we shall do our duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, great and holy, there is none like unto Thee, there is not one that can do as Thou doest, and yet we seek Thee not. Though we desire much, and want many things, yet we refuse to turn unto Thee and ask; we will not believe that Thou givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not. Oh, teach us, good Lord, by Thy Spirit, how Thou waitest to be gracious; how Thou wouldest not that any should perish, and how Jesus Christ died that we might escape the condemnation of eternal death. Shew Him to us as the sacrifice for sin; the way unto Thee; and the truth in which we must live, if we would be Thine. Remove from our hearts that obstinacy which makes us cling to the things that please our eyes, or gratify our senses, or beguile an unappropriated hour, but all which perish in the using, and leave but the regret that a lost pleasure must create. And then set before us divine things in their beauty, their perfectness, their continuance. Make us to love them, to seek after them, to talk of them. Let them be the subjects of our earthly thoughts and late meditations; let them be with us as we rise with each morning, and accompany us as we retire to our chambers with each coming night. And let them cheer us, and be our comfort when earthly pleasures are not. And hear these our humble petitions, we beseech Thee, for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, pure and holy, mercifully vouchsafe to accept us in this our evening service, for Jesus Christ's sake. We ask Thee to endue us with heavenly wisdom; that wisdom which is not of this world, but which is from above, and cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Enable us daily to offer unto Thee our sincere prayers that Thy Holy Spirit may enlighten us to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent; that knowledge which shall make us wise unto salvation, and which shall be our comfort when worldly wisdom fails; our joy when the eye ceases to see, and the ear to hear the things of time, which have so long charmed and cheered us. Teach us, by His aid, to read ourselves; to see our proneness to sin, our love of iniquity, our weakness, and folly, and to flee to Thee by the living way, for pardon and deliverance. Give us, O Lord, discerning spirits, with charitable hearts, that, seeing the faults of those around us, we may judge them with the like charity with which we would be ourselves judged, and so cover the multitude of sins. And whatsoever wisdom is good for us, O Lord, in mercy vouchsafe it, nor leave us discontented though we have less than our fellows. Teach us to use our gifts, and to seek the rather for fresh graces than for gifts, that we may the nearer approach the holy example of Him, through whom, as our Advocate, we now come to Thee, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, wonderful art Thou in all Thy works, and Thy doings for the children of men are marvelous, yet conceived in mercy. Thou hast ever been gracious unto them, and hast loved them with a perfect love. O Lord, Thou hast done great things for us, whereat we would rejoice. We thank Thee for the dawn of another Sabbath; make it a day of blessing to our land, even to its farthest corners; let Thy word be preached this day in its fulness and its purity; open the mouths of Thy ministers that they may shew Thy truth unto their people; that they may speak with boldness, faithfulness, and zeal. Give to their hearers willing hearts. Remove all prejudices from amongst us, and whatsoever else may hinder us from profitable hearing. Especially bless us of this household, and all who meet us in Thine house of prayer. Let the spirit which was in Jesus be in us, that we may remember it is Thine house, and so worship Thee whilst within it in spirit and in truth. Pour out Thy blessing on our Sunday Schools, teach those who have a charge therein, that they may faithfully teach others; strengthen the weak hearted, and remove all discouragements from before them. And give us such prayerful spirits from this hour, that this day may be hallowed by each one of us; that we may spend it in Thy service and to the honor of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose name we now address Thee, and in His own words further pray:—
Our Father

EVENING.

O LORD, we are again met with another Sabbath's close in Thy dear Son's name to make our confession, and to offer up our prayers and thanksgivings unto Thee. Hear us in Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, and let not our short-comings close Thine ear against us. We have been with Thy worshiping people, O Lord, in the courts of Thine house, and we have bent the knee before Thee, but our hearts have not been altogether Thine. The world has ensnared us, and our thoughts went to things of time, though eternity was brought before us, and our profession was to worship Thee. Oh, pardon us this sin, and give us strength to amend. Pardon all who have so erred on this holy day, and let Thy mercy lighten upon them. Take not away from us the means of grace which we have slighted, but give us grace to use them with more fervency for the time to come. Let Thy Spirit strive with us, that we may long for the return of another Sabbath; and that we may utter heartfelt thanks for Thy goodness and forbearance. Grant that the seed of truth which has been this day scattered, may fall on good ground; water it with the dew of Thy blessing. Prosper the ministrations of Thy servants everywhere; give them continuing zeal, and that patience and forbearance which shall tend to win souls unto Thee, and make all their hearers humble, attentive, prayerful, that they may profit by the word spoken, and so become more close disciples of our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory now and evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, hear our petitions and accept our prayers, for we come in the name of Thy dear Son to ask for that which only Thou canst give, a saving faith in Him. Teach us its nature, that we may know whether it is yet ours, or whether we yet remain in the gall of bitterness. Shew us the necessity for it, that we may earnestly wrestle until we attain it, and, having received, that we may hold it fast, as a precious gift which nothing shall take from us. We know that Jesus came to be our Saviour, but, enable us, to inquire of ourselves in sincerity, if we have so received Him; if we be following in His steps, listening to His precepts, and doing His will. Oh, let us not deceive ourselves; let us not speak peace to ourselves when there is no peace; let us not rest on a head knowledge of Gospel truths. Let us remember that it is with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and trust only on our Saviour through time and for eternity. Let us be determined, with the Apostle, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Oh, grant, in Thy mercy that we entertain no hopes, nor indulge in any feelings which militate against that saving truth. Let us trust our whole to Him; for from Him only are our hopes of heaven, as by Him came our title to that happy place. And, for His sake, since He died that we might live, we pray Thee to give us a saving faith and to keep us therein to our live's end. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, who hast manifested Thyself to us by boundless acts of love and mercy, we pray Thee to add to their number by now lending Thine ear to us, for Thy dear Son's sake. Take our spirits into Thine hands and mould them; subdue all unruly desires within us, and enable us to be of one mind; grant that we of this household may especially be governed by a holy unity of purpose; that we may love as brethren; that we may seek for the welfare of each other as for our own, and promote each other's interest to the extent of our power. Let us learn that patience, even under provocation, which was the characteristic of our blessed Redeemer, and which secured for Job a blessing. Give to us forbearance, we beseech Thee, for of ourselves we cannot overcome the risings of anger or the promptings of revenge. Teach us how to return good for evil, to seek the welfare of those who care not for us, remembering that we are all Thy children and the redeemed of one Saviour. And oh, pardon all those who have wished or done us ill; subdue within them such unholy dispositions, and feelings, and turn them from the evil of their ways. Oh, keep us from like sin. Shew unto us the blessedness of unity, and preserve us all as one for the love which Thou hast shewed unto us, and for the sake of our blessed Lord, and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory now and for evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we would now thank Thee that Thou hast preserved us to the beginning of another day; that Thou hast kept us from all the perils and dangers of the past night, and that we are again permitted to meet together in Thy dear Son's name. We deserve not the least of these Thy benefits, but Thou dealest not with us according to our deservings; Thou lovest mercy rather than sacrifice, and so Thou sparest us, that we may yet be saved. Oh, let Thy Holy Spirit now strive with us and effectually; let Him be our guide this day, and enable us to obey all his godly motions. Take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word; let no prejudice hold us back; and, above all things, grant that we be not given up to deadness of heart, to carelessnes about spiritual things; to indifference about our eternal interests. Life and death are before us; good and evil stand in our path; give us grace to walk in the way of life, and to choose the good. Grant to us that we go hand in hand heavenward; that we walk together as children of light; and have our conversation as Thine own in soul and spirit. Subdue in us all evil passions and desires, and enable us, by Thy grace, to keep our bodies devoted to Thy service, and let our blessed Saviour plead for us, and the Holy Ghost sanctify us; and keep us, O Holy Father, unto the great day, for Jesu's sake, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Jehovah, look upon us, and sanctify us for our evening sacrifice; let our hearts give the words which our lips shall speak, and our prayers be accepted, through Jesus Christ. Thou hast promised good things to those that love Thee; Thou reservest benefits many and great for Thy faithful servants, and obedience brings its sure reward. Even in this life, Thy people rejoice; they see good days, for they walk in the light of Thy countenance; mischief is far from them, because they restrain their tongues; and, though evil surrounds them, they are not afraid. Thine eye looks upon them, to keep them in all their going and Thou upholdest them that their feet slip not. Happy are the people that are in such a case. O visit us, most merciful Lord; shew us, convince us of the blessedness of being Thy disciples, that we may learn from Thee, and walk in Thy ways all the days of our life, that we may keep steadily in view our solemn profession as christians; that we may remember whose we are, and to whom we must one day give an account of every deed done in the body, of every wandering and evil thought, and of every idle word. Keep us this night from every sin; accompany us, good Lord, from this place to the silence of our own chambers, and let our private meditations and our secret prayers come before Thee, and hear them for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

LET the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Keep our lips, O Lord, that they offend not, and our tongues, that they speak no evil. Preserve us from vain and foolish sayings; suffer us not by our words to seek to please men; to amuse the giddy and the thoughtless, to raise the laugh, or merely to promote levity; but open our mouths with praise. Teach us Thy wonders, Thy mercies, the greatness of Thy judgments; and then lead us to speak of them. Shew to us Thy goodness, and make us to tell of it in the land of the living. And let our hearts rejoice in Thee, yea, let us rejoice in the Lord alway. As we go into our chambers, do Thou accompany us; as we walk abroad amid the wonders which Thou hast created, do Thou lead us; and make us to think of Thee, as each work of Thy hands is set before us. We know how much more easily our thoughts turn to the world than to Thee; how much pleasanter our natural hearts find the meditations which belong to this life to be than those which are of Thee. But, as we were made for Thee and for eternity, oh, in mercy spare us, and give us more power from on high. Let Thy Holy spirit be ever present with us, wheresoever we go, and preserve us all unto the great day, blameless, that we may then stand as the redeemed of Jesus, blessed children of Thee our God, for His sake, Thine only Son, our Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU hast taught us, O Lord, by the hearing of the ear, Thou hast revealed to us in Thy word the salvation which Thou hast wrought for us; and Thy voice speaks to us in every work of this material world, for Thou didst make them to glorify Thyself, and yet we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have gone far from Thee, despising Thy mercies, and refusing Thy offers of love; we have rebelled against Thy holy law, and done exceeding wickedly. Pardon us, good Lord; remember not our offences, neither the offences of our forefathers, but deal with us according to the love Thou bearest to Thy dear Son, for in Him is our trust, and through Him only do we seek for pardon, and deliverance. Create in us a new heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Enable to profit by our hearing; to listen to the word of admonition with patience and reverence; to carry into our chambers the wholesome counsel which may be given, and there to seek Thy Spirit's aid, that it may be grafted in each of all our hearts, and bring forth much fruit to Thy honor, and the praise of Thy name. Enable us to ponder over every work of Thine as speaking to us of Thee; of Thy power and Majesty; and lead us to fall in lowly adoration at Thy footstool, that we may there submit to be taught, and to follow the blessed steps of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, in whose name we ask, and further in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee now to uphold us by Thy great power, and give us utterance, that we may pray unto Thee. We pray for the universal church of Christ. We ask Thy blessing upon every denomination of Christians, wheresoever they may be; let Thy light shine into the hearts of every one of them, and keep them. To those who are in error, give truth, O Lord, and turn them. Let not the shadow of evil fall upon those who name the name of Christ; but lead them from sin, and suffer not temptation to overcome them. We are all too much of the world; we all love the things of time and sense, with too great love; and we cleave to this life, as if it were the good which Thou hast promised. We seek to have a name to live, when, alas, too many of us are dead. Oh, spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Remember us as the sheep for whom Jesus Christ died; as Thine own people, whom Thou hast called with a holy calling, and give us hearts to seek and to love Thee as Thy called. Oh, the riches of Thy mercy, who can declare them; who can tell of Thy goodness towards the children of men; our tongues cannot; but let our lives shew it forth in all things, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us, and keep us now and ever for the sake of our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, our Creator, who hast called us with a holy calling, and hast given to us eternal life through Jesus Christ, we beseech Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit to lead us into the way of life. Give unto us willing and teachable spirits, obedient hearts, and heavenly desires. Draw us more and more to Thyself, that we may walk as Thy disciples, that we may rejoice as Thy redeemed, and that all men may know that we are Thine indeed. Oh, mercifully, vouchsafe to us such a measure of Thy grace as may enable us to know Thy will in its fullness; to read Thy word by the light which only Thou canst give, and to endeavor in all things to work out Thy law. Sustain us in all the trials which may beset us in our walk through life; give us cheerful contented spirits. Though sorrow may fall upon us, and disappointments may arise to dim our future, enable us to place all our trust singly and simply on Thee; and, the more we are oppressed by things of time, oh, enable us the more to look heavenward; to dwell on the precious gift of eternal life which Thou hast given us; and to cling with more earnestness to Him who is able to save to the uttermost, and who waits to be gracious, Jesus Christ. For His sake, hear us, we beseech Thee, and accept us in these our petitions to the throne of grace, and further in that most perfect form of prayer, which He taught and commanded us to use: —Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, we would bless Thee with the early morning, we would shew forth Thy praise with our lips, and ask Thee to enable us, through the day, to exhibit it in our lives. We would now dedicate ourselves to Thy service, and go forth, in Thy might, to the duties which are before us. Oh, accompany us, we pray Thee; be our strength, and shield, and let Thy Holy Spirit animate us in whatever we find to do. Make us to feel Thy presence in every hour; to know that Thou art by, whatever we put our hands to, and let our souls boast in Thee. Let us speak of Thee in lowly reverence; let us tell of Thy goodness, that the humble may hear thereof and be glad, that they may be led to taste and see that Thou, Lord, art good, and that blessed is the man who trusteth in Thee; that, though many are the afflictions of the righteous, yet Thou, Lord, deliverest him out of them all. Teach us that unfailing trust which shall make us bold and wise; bold to encounter every evil; wise to enter the contest only in the name of the Lord Jesus; doubting nothing which Thou hast spoken; wavering not when duty leads, and the voice of conscience warns. Oh, make us to walk wisely, in the faith and fear of Thee; and convince us of the folly as well as sin of doing anything which Thy law allows not, and for which we cannot there find our sanction. Hear us, good Lord, and for Thy dear Son's sake, be merciful unto us, and let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, we again, with another evening, seek Thy presence, and come before Thee with prayer. Thou hast commanded us to pray, and lovest to hear the supplications of Thy faithful people; and Thou hast given us many and great encouragements to seek Thee. Day by day we are preserved from danger, through Thy mercy, and we are daily fed by Thy bounty. Thou bestowest upon us the good things of life, and our friends are spared to us. And must we forget how often our prayers have brought comfort to our troubled spirits, or have we never bent the knee in our trouble, or sought the soothing influence of communion with our God. But Thou art the same, however we vary; Thy love is for ever, though man passes away, and all his promises and powers cease. O Lord, shew us the folly of trusting to man, whose breath is in his nostrils; draw us more powerfully from things of time; convince us of Thy great love for Thy fallen and erring creatures; and keep us ever in the spirit of prayer, that we may walk in close communion with Thee, and so find Thee our best instructor, as Thou art our only sure friend. And do Thou especially watch over this household; keep each one of us by Thy favor; sanctify us body, soul, and spirit, that Thy blessing may rest upon us, that Thy favor may shield us, and that we may evermore rejoice in Thy holy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, holy and just, let our prayers come before Thee, and listen to our cry. Hear us, for Thy dear Son's sake, and be merciful unto us; for there is none to help but Thee, we have nothing on which to trust but Thine arm. The evil one goeth about, seeking whom he may devour; our great enemy resteth not, until he has won souls unto himself; he never sleepeth, nor wearieth in his labour; he is Thine opponent; evil is his every device, and all the doings of wicked men are in his spirit and of him. Strengthen us, good Lord, to resist his assaults; enable us to understand his cunning devices; to see through his insidious persuasions, and to know him in whatsoever guise he may come before us. Awaken us, when he fans us into a careless slumber, while we should be occupied in the worship of Thee; startle us with a sense of our danger, lest Thou shouldest cast us off, and we should wake only to eternal misery. Give us watchful spirits; and teach us ourselves. Let the Holy Ghost shine into each of our hearts a beam of truth which may display to us all its corruption and demerit, and shew how much more readily evil takes root than good within it. Startle us by a real sense of our danger, unless we repent and turn unto Thee, and flee from the wrath to come; and give us zeal in Thy service such as the evil one opposes to Thee, and bless our labors of love, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou Sovereign of the Universe; Thou who hast created, and still sustainest all things for Thine own honor and glory; we beseech Thee to look upon this nation and people. Look upon the land in which Thou hast made Thy name to shine; take not Thy favor from us; remove not the blessing with which Thou hast so long blessed us; nor let Thine anger be kindled against us. Though our acts have called for vengeance; though our sins are great and presumptuous; though the multitude follow after evil, yet consume us not. Remember Thy tender mercies of old; Thy loving kindnesses and truth of ancient times; and, as Thou didst bear with Thy chosen people, so bear with us. And, oh, let Thy Spirit strive with us, that we may turn unto Thee; that we may be led to the straight paths, and forsake the crooked paths; that we may see our sin and folly, and repent with deep abasement of soul; that we may learn to love Thee, and obey Thy commandments in sincerity. Prepare the hearts of all Thy worshipers for the duties of the morrow. Enable them to set aside all worldly cares and anxieties; to forget things of time, in their earnest care for the souls' prosperity. Make us to be united in our prayers; to be earnest, unceasing in our petitions, that they may ascend to Thee as the incense of devoted hearts. And let us rejoice evermore in the privileges of a Sabbath, as Thine ordinance for man's good. Oh grant this, we pray Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, to whom all hearts are open, who knowest every thought and imagination of man, and who canst tell every design, long before he conceives it, we most humbly beseech Thee to give us the preparation of a right heart, that we may not fear to stand before Thee, and of a holy spirit, that we may be acceptable in Thy sight. Make us, O God, so watchful over ourselves in every thought, word, and work, that we offend not against any of Thy righteous laws as we have hitherto done. Let Thy Holy Spirit so influence and direct us, that we may cease from the evil we have so much loved, and learn to do the things which shall please Thee. Take us into Thine especial keeping this day, that we may spend it, as a day which Thou hast hallowed and sanctified unto Thyself; as a portion of our time which we must use to Thy honor and glory, and so to the good of our own souls. Be Thou our gracious help in its every hour; accompany us to Thine own house, and grant that, as we go there, our thoughts may not be set upon vanity, nor our minds given to things of life and time; but that we may speak of Thee and Thy love in Christ Jesus. Give us hearts full of delight that so gracious a privilege is afforded us as to go into the house of prayer, where Thou waitest for Thy people; and when there preserve us from all folly and all sin, and let us offer unto Thee such praise and prayer as may be acceptable, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

WE come unto Thee, most gracious God, with another Sabbath's close, and offer our hearty thanksgivings for its mercies and benefits. Receive, we pray Thee, our imperfect expressions, and enable us to shew forth Thy praise in our lives. Let the instruction we have this day received sink deep in each of all our hearts; water it with the dew of Thy blessing. Make us to feel it as a fresh store in the garner of good things which Thou from time to time hast vouchsafed to us. Accept the prayers which we have offered unto Thee in Thine house, and answer them, as it may seem good in Thy sight. Enable us to look back with pleasure on the services in which we have joined, as a faithful offering, as a means of grace which has increased our hope of glory. Pardon all our wandering thoughts; our restlessness, our want of attention; forgive our prejudices, and all those feelings which have hindered us in our worship, and made it fall short of that character which it ought to have borne. Bless all who have faithfully ministered in Thy name, and held forth the glad tidings of salvation wrought in Christ Jesus. Make them bold to warn, and earnest to exhort; give them patience and zeal, both in the study, and in the teaching of Thy word; and bring them together with us to Thy heavenly kingdom, as faithful servants of our blessed Lord. And accept these our prayers, we beseech Thee, for His sake, and hear us in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O LORD, who hast called us with a holy calling; and hast given us privileges and mercies great and many, we most humbly beseech Thee to enable us to value them as we ought, and to exercise ourselves in them to Thy honor and glory. Suffer us not to be satisfied, as we are too apt to be, with what we have done; with our past observancies; our acts of homage or obedience; but give us more zeal in Thy service, more energy, and more activity. Stir us up by the power of Thy Spirit, to see how lamentably short we fall of the requirements of the Gospel; how faint are our best endeavors to obey Thy law; and how often we forget altogether that we are under any responsibility to Thee for our doings. We despise the warnings of conscience; we neglect the threatenings of judgment; we move on, heedless of Thy providential dealings, which are shewn to us so continually in ourselves and others; and we forget that we are dying daily. O Lord, be merciful unto us, and spare us yet a little longer; and give us grace to use the opportunity so afforded to Thy honor and glory, and to our soul's good. Time is short; the span of life is soon run out; we are here today, but tomorrow may not find us. Now, whilst life is ours, and we can repent, make our penitence sincere, let our zeal for Thee shine brightly, and our devotion to Thee increase daily, and save us from the enemy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast manifested Thyself to us in Thine attribute of love, and hast daily heaped benefits upon us great and numberless, we beseech Thee to pour into our hearts that most inestimable gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues. Teach us the great and holy principle, and enable us to illustrate it by lives spent in Thy service. Shew us how and when we may so occupy ourselves; make us diligent to find occasions in which we may bestow upon others of the gifts which we have received from Thee. Open our mouths in words of kindness, gentleness, and love; enable us to bear with others who have not received like gifts; and take from us every evil thought and malicious device which may hinder us in acts of charity. Shew us how to keep the faults of others from a naughty world, and to rebuke but with gentleness to the sinner. And do Thou, in mercy, keep before us our blessed Lord's example; that, even in our worst extremity we may pray for our persecutors. O Lord, if there be one man living who feels unkindly towards us, turn his heart, we pray Thee; soften his anger, and endue him with Thy Holy Spirit, and, if we are harboring evil in our hearts against any, oh, pardon us we earnestly beseech Thee, let Thy grace influence us for the time to come, and our future lives shew that we have learnt from Him who is our only Pattern, Jesus Christ. O God, hear us, we beseech Thee, for His sake, and bless us now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Maker of all things, we beseech Thee to receive us, as the work of Thy hands, and to mould us to the likeness of Him, who is our model, even Thy dear Son. Give us enquiring spirits; awaken in us a desire to know that Son, our Saviour, as He walked among men; that we may see Him in His poverty, doing Thy will, by honoring His Father and His mother, and yielding a ready subjection to them in all things; that we may follow Him as He went about doing good, bearing rebuke in silence, insult with pity, death with forgiving love, and a prayer for His murderers. Enable us to learn from Him, for He was tempted as we are, yet without sin; and so strengthen us that we may be able, in the evil hour, to stand, resisting the devil, who shall flee from us. So sanctify us, good Lord, this day, by Thy Spirit, that we may do no work but as we hold in remembrance our incarnate Saviour, and endeavor to do as He would have us. Give us His patience, and endurance under trial and affliction, and, above all things, give us His faith. Make it our chief end and aim to be like Him; to keep His example in view; to tell of Him both in our life and with our lips, that we may daily prove our desire to be with Him, and that we may hourly grow in Thy grace and favor, and become more fitted for the inheritance of the saints in light. And, to this end, let the light of Thy Holy Spirit be upon us and assist, and keep us now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, high and holy, Thou eternal God, receive us through Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, and bless us in our meeting for His sake. Let Thine eyes behold this family; let Thy love protect us; Thy gracious Providence watch over and keep us. Oh, turn not from us, because of our sins, nor forsake us, because of our misdoings. Thou hast promised to those who seek that they shall find; and Thou hast never forgotten Thy promise, nor forsaken Thy people. Thou hast never been unmindful of Thy covenant, for the blood of Jesus is its seal. O Lord, we come, trusting in the redemption which He has wrought for us, though we do not value it as we ought. Oh, teach us its value, by shewing us the value of immortal souls. Convince us that nothing less than the death of Thine own dear Son could have bought them back from the evil one to whom they were sold; that by His precious blood-shedding only are we washed from the defilement of sin, purified from the taint of the flesh, and made fit to come into Thy presence with our prayers and petitions. And, since none but the Spirit can work this conviction in us, and make it abiding, pour out that precious gift upon each one of us without measure; keep us in the truth; give to us rejoicing hearts because Thou hast loved us, and done great things for us, whereat we ought to rejoice; and bless us in these and all our prayers, we most earnestly beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL Son of God, one with the Father; Thou holy One and true, who wast with Thy Father in glory before the worlds were made, and yet didst condescend to leave Thy throne, to dwell in human flesh, and to die in human misery, for us men, and for our redemption, we beseech Thee to hear us. Have mercy upon us, and help us, for vain is the help of man. Thou hast known every temptation to which flesh and spirit are subject; oh, give us strength in every hour of trial, and, as the evil one waxes strong and determined against us, so let Thy help increase on our behalf; and, in every such hour, endue us with the spirit of prayer and supplication. Teach us that entire, and humble submission to our God, which rung from Thee the holy petition, not my will but Thine be done. Oh, grant to us lowliness of heart and spirit; submission so entire, that we may not murmur under the dispensations of Thy providence; and confidence so firm in Thee, that we may never faint nor grow weary, however many or great Thy trials are. Though we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, yet we know that Thou dost welcome the returning one. Oh! give us a welcome; receive us into Thy fold; accept us as Thy redeemed; keep us, as precious jewels, for Thy crown at the last day, and let Thy grace ever shine in and through us, that all men may know us to be Thy disciples, O blessed Lord, God and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most holy; Thou only true God from everlasting, accept us, we beseech Thee, in this our evening service, for Thy dear Son's sake; be merciful unto us, and help us, for we seek Thee as our very God, our reconciled Father in Him. We would confess, ere we implore Thine aid, that we are sinners, and unjust before Thee; that though we may have striven to know Thy law, and to do Thy will, yet we have most grievously offended against them, and fallen short of our duty in many things. But, because we know this, we come for pardon; because we are aware of our danger, we ask for deliverance; and because we can find no rest from earthly things, we seek Thy peace. Oh, vouchsafe unto each one of us now pardon, peace, and deliverance; loosen the bands of sin by which we are holden captive, and let us go free. Suffer us not any longer to do despite to the spirit of grace. When temptations allure, then be Thou present, by Thy light to shew us the way of safety, and the path where no danger lurks. When evil example is about to prevail, and we are likely to follow on to destruction, then shew us a Saviour dying to secure us life, and let Thy Spirit lead us from the snare which the evil one has put before us. Oh, save us, good Lord, for we are the sheep of Thy pasture. Forsake us not utterly, nor take Thy Holy Spirit from us. Let Jesu's name prevail, and His merits supply our deficiency for His sake, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou patient and enduring God; Thou, who keepest mercy for thousands and tens of thousands who call upon Thee faithfully; we thank Thee that Thou hast dealt so graciously with us in times past, and that Thine anger has not consumed us in our sins. Oh, how often we have rebelled against Thee; how often sought after evil instead of good; disunion and disquiet, instead of peace. We have despised our Saviour's prayer; we have not loved one another as brethren; we have not remembered that to Thee we must give account for every word and look which springs not of love. Nay, Lord, we cannot tell how often and in how many ways we have broken Thy laws, and neglected Thy precepts. Yet we are safe; the shadow of Thy wings is upon us, and we have escaped destruction. Again let us thank Thee for Thy forbearance, and praise Thee for Thy goodness. Let us tell of all Thy wonders day by day. And now, O Lord, give us grace and strength to turn from our evil ways unto Thee; to seek peace and ensue it; to love the thing which is lawful and right; to eschew evil and learn to do well; and to follow Him, who is gone before, Jesus, our Example; that, walking in His steps through life, we may hereafter be of the blessed company of His redeemed saints in heaven. Oh, grant this, most merciful Lord, for the sake of Him, Thine only Son, and our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST gracious and holy Lord, who regardest all the creatures of Thine hand with a pitying eye, and waitest in the abundance of Thy mercy and love, if perchance they may turn unto Thee and be saved; look upon us, who are now met together in Thy dear Son's name, and hear and bless us. Instil into our hearts, we beseech Thee, such a love to Thee, that we may cleave to Thee above all things; that we may seek the things which belong to our eternal peace; that we may follow after holiness; that we may turn to Thee in heart and affection, and be Thy disciples indeed. Subdue in us all pride and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; shew us that unity which characterises a christian society; and do Thou, in Thy great mercy, bind the members of this household together by its holy bond, that we may have peace one with another; and live, indeed, in brotherly love. Set a watch upon our lips, O Lord. Stay us, by Thy good providence, from angry and hasty words; from the risings of a quick spirit, and from every feeling which may prevent our advance in holiness. Order our goings in Thy way, that our feet slip not. Let Thy Holy Spirit rest upon every one of us, in His fulness; let Him be our Guide, our Light, amid the darkness and uncertainty of life and time. And oh, in Thy mercy, sanctify us body, soul, and spirit, and keep us to the great day, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Maker, how excellent is Thy name in all the world; the heavens declare Thy glory, the firmament sheweth Thy handy work, and man's frame tells of Thy wisdom and Thy might. Oh, that we could praise Thee for Thy goodness, and admire Thee for Thy love; oh, that we could tell of Thy wonders day by day, and speak of all Thy doings among the children of men. Open our mouths, O Lord, and our lips shall speak Thy praise. Teach us the things which belong unto our peace; tell us of the things which we ought to do in the land of the living; make us to know Thee, as Thou art, a great and terrible, yet a merciful God, who keepest mercy for thousands that call upon Thee faithfully. Establish us, we pray Thee, in the faith of Thy dear Son. Enable us to lean upon Him as our Rock of defence, as our Hope, the Anchor of our souls. Teach us that entire and simple dependence which shall lead us to cast all our care upon Him; which shall cause us to look to Him in every hour, and under every trial, and make Him our Saviour indeed. We are in great need of help, we require strength for our souls; oh, strengen us by Thy grace; renew us by Thy good spirit; cause our hearts to rejoice in Thee, and give us all the spirit of adoption that we may cry unto Thee, Abba, Father, that we may learn upon Thee, and fall before Thee, and worship Thee in verily and through Jesus Christ, Thine only begotten Son, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Maker and Lord, our Preserver, from whom all good things do come, we implore Thee to look upon us, in great mercy; though we are sinful, yet let Thy pity stir on our behalf; though we are rebellious, yet let Thy love be kindled towards us. O Lord, we would ask Thee to give unto us humility, lowly, patient spirits; to subdue in us all pride and presumption; all self satisfaction, and conceit. Let Thy mighty hand bring down every proud spirit, and remove every lofty thought; for what are we in Thy presence, or how shall we stand before Thee, save in the strength of Thy dear son. Shew us the danger and deceitfulness of pride in man's fall; the glory and reward of humility in a Saviour's purchased work, even the salvation of all men. Lead us into the steps of Him who went before us lowly, meek, and forbearing; who condescended to sinners, because His object was to do good, to seek and to save that which was lost. Yea, Lord, convince us of the great truth, that to be with Christ hereafter, we must imitate Him now; that to live as Thine adopted we must walk as He walked. And, in all our cares and trials, be Thou our strength and stay; enable us to look to Thee, to live with and for Thee; and, in the end, grant that we may receive our reward, even the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our God, we adore Thy holy name, and come into Thy presence with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, for Thou hast redeemed and preserved us, and we are safe. There is none like unto Thee; there is not one that can protect as Thou doest, nor can any man give to us the good things which Thou vouchsafest. We have tasted that Thou art gracious, for we have been spared from many evils, and dangers have not fallen upon us as upon others. Let Thy name, O Lord, be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same; from one corner of the earth to the other; yea, let all the people praise Thee. And grant to us, who have been taught the voice of praise and thanksgiving, the grace to utter it forth. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us, nor leave us to our own devices. Let Thy grace accompany us at all times, and let our hearts rejoice in Thee for ever. And do Thou purify us, in body and spirit, from every taint. What is dark within us illumine; what is unknown, teach us; and guide our feet into the paths and ways in which our blessed Saviour trod, that we may acquire more of His likeness here day by day. Make us to seek Him, with zeal and perseverance, early and late; yet keep us humble, good Lord, remembering that we are nothing and have nothing but what Thou givest. And bless us, in all our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our High Priest, our Mediator and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, holy, just, and pure; Thou who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and who abhorrest sin; Thou who canst by no means clear the guilty, and in whose sight even the heavens themselves are unclean; Thou, who hearest constant adoration, and to whom unceasing strains of holy praise ascend from the angels who delight in Thy presence; condescend, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and for Jesu's sake, to hear our prayer, and let Thy Holy Spirit so prepare us now and ever in heart and in spirit for the duty, that it may become our pleasure and delight; that we may leave even the brightest joys of life, and unloose the strongest ties of worldly affection and love to come before Thee with supplication, and to speak unto Thee in praise. Thou hast, indeed, done much for us, whereat we rejoice; but we must ask for much more. Though Thou has kept us from many sins, yet too many stand against us; though Thou hast preserved us from numerous dangers, yet we are surrounded by the powers of darkness, and temptations hourly assail. Gird us, then, we pray Thee, with Thy strength; shew us the way in which we should go; encourage us to pursue the path to which Thou dost point, and establish us by Thy good Spirit. Give us a holy obedience and a submissive will, such a heavenly spirit and disposition as were in our Saviour Jesus Christ who bowed to Thy law, in all things; and for His merits, pardon our offences, and bless us now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O EVERLASTING Lord God, let Thy Spirit sanctify our meeting, and give us such a sense of Thy presence, that our prayers may be acceptable with Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Another Sabbath dawns upon us, and fresh duties are before us; the day has brought its call to each of us, and each must answer by a diligent performance of the things which Thy law requires. Enable us fully to undertake this requirement; to search diligently into the book of life that we may find it; to ask Thy Spirit's aid, ere we commence the search, and, in Thy strength, to pursue it. Oh, give us an earnest desire for Thine house this day; take us there in the faith and fear of Thee, and open our ears that we may hear the truth from the mouth of Thine appointed ministers, and profit thereby. Teach them that they may teach others; give them power to speak faithfully, clearly, and boldly of Thy councils; shew to them the great truths which belong to our eternal peace, and open their mouths to declare them to their flock. Suffer us not to be neglected, or led astray, good Lord. Make us, together with them, true and sincere worshipers of Thee, O Father Almighty, one with the Son and Holy Ghost. And vouchsafe to all who meet us in Thy house that with grace we may join in fervent prayers and holy praises; that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, and glorify Thy name for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, in whose hands are the spirits of all men, we beseech Thee to keep ours, by Thy good providence, and to guide them, as we kneel to worship Thee. Oh, make our prayers prayers indeed, the outpourings of devoted hearts; and our confessions to be sincere feelings. We would confess unto Thee our shortcomings this day; though we have been in Thy house; though we have attended the public worship of the sanctuary; though we have made an outward profession that we are Thy servants, and are given to Thee with a free will offering, yet our hearts have not been altogether Thine. Some worldly thoughts have stolen upon our hours of worship, and have drawn our minds from Thee, and our eyes have wandered to seek an earthly pleasure. Pardon us, good Lord, and all who have so sinned against Thee this day. Make our repentance sincere, and our amendment perfect. Strengthen us for the time to come, and bless our frail and weak endeavors, whensoever we essay to do Thee service. Grant that some, at least, of the seed this day sown may take root, and prosper. Water it with the dew of Thy blessing. Make us daily more earnest to secure to ourselves the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Prosper the work whereunto we may put our hands, whatsoever it be; and grant us yet more time for repentance and amendment of life, lest we be cut off suddenly and that without remedy, and bless us with Thy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our merciful and holy God, who hast given to us many and rich means of grace; who hast preserved to us Thine ordinances, and dost permit us to meet the congregation of Thy people who serve and worship Thee; we would adore Thy great and glorious name for these among Thy various mercies given to us men. Oh, how Thou dost condescend to us, good Lord; how Thou vouchsafest to hear our petitions, and to consider our wants. And yet how ungrateful we are; how we despise Thy goodness, and reject Thy mercies. Let Thy pardoning love, we pray Thee, stir on our behalf, and let Jesu's name prevail for us. Give us such a sense of Thy goodness, that we may worship Thee with the entire devotion of our hearts and spirits; make us so fully to understand Thy love, that we may cleave to Thee with the best energies of our nature; and so help by Thy Holy Spirit, good Lord, that our services may be accepted, and our prayers heard. Suffer us not to spend the best of our days in cold indifference as to Thee, in carelessness about our souls; in the love of this world, nor in the search after its wealth and pleasures. Draw us to the consideration of better riches, a treasure in heaven; of higher pleasures, at Thy right hand for evermore. And, in mercy, preserve us in all our goings, that we slip not, and bless us by Thy good Spirit, now and to our lives' end, we beseech Thee, for the sake of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST mighty Lord God, the Protector of all who trust in Thee, the Help of all who call in faith, we earnestly beseech Thee to hear our cry, and to deliver us. We are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us; we find passions within, and pleasures without, tempting us to turn from the paths of righteousness, and evil strives for the mastery over us. Thanks be to Thy mercy in Christ Jesus we have not been left destitute; oh, praised be Thy holy name, that we have hitherto been upheld by Thy Spirit, though we have too often done Him despite. And now, Lord, we pray Thee, to help us still more; give us day by day more reliance on Thee; make our trust more simple, our faith more sincere. Establish us in every good word and work. Shew us the way in which we ought to go; open out to us a view of that better country, where we should be, and to which we ought to strive to attain. Suffer us not to be led astray by the vain delusions of the world; by its pomps and vanities, which dazzle the eye, and captivate the senses. We know that we are surrounded by temptations to forsake the beaten track, the path which Jesus trod, the only path of happiness or which can lead to bliss. But we also know that in Jesus we have an Advocate, and in the Holy Spirit a Guide, who will not forsake our cause, nor leave us comfortless. Oh, hear us for His sake, our Advocate, and let the Holy Ghost be ever our Guide, most gracious God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, great and gracious, accept again our humble service, and let us come before Thee with uplifted hearts, that we may find the pardon we so much need, and the peace which only Thou canst give. Purify us now from all pollution of the flesh and spirit; humble us now from all pride and presumption; keep us from every wandering thought and vain desire, and let nothing interfere with our morning sacrifice. Set before us this day the things which belong unto our peace; shew unto us, as we go hence, the way of salvation; make our duty plain before us, and enable us so to walk as we have Jesus for our example. Keep us from every snare which the evil one may put in our way; from self-confidence; from indifference; from forgetfulness of Thee. Suffer us not to be led astray by vain delusions, by false persuasions. Make us watchful, and diligent, and give to every one of us a prayerful spirit. Establish in us an unwavering trust in Thee; let nothing shake the confidence which we ought to have in Thee, and Thy promises. Give us patience and perseverance in well doing. Keep all near and dear to us from evil and sin; suffer them not to fall away, nor to forsake the truth which they have learned, but keep them all under the shadow of Thy wings, that they may dwell in safety, and go on their way rejoicing, since they have a Redeemer, even Jesus Christ, in whose name we now approach Thee, and in whose words we further pray:—Our Father

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, the Author of all good things, and the Spring of every holy thought. Thou who only canst make our actions pure, and our offerings sinless, let Thy Spirit visit us, and direct us in all our goings. Teach us the nature of Thy law, with its requirements; shew us Thyself, in the fulness of of Thy majesty, that we may examine ourselves ere we come into Thy presence, and try ourselves ere we venture to open our lips unto Thee in the words of supplication. Endue us with all those christian virtues and graces which may fit us for a close and constant communion with Thee. Establish our faith, and give us all diligence to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity; that all these things being in us, and abounding, we may be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, but may shew forth our faith by its fruits to a wicked and perverse generation. Yea, strengthen us, good Lord, for every good word and work, and keep us faithful to our lives' end. And let our prayers ascend for others, as well as for ourselves, that the love of Thee may increase; that Thy law may be obeyed, Thy name be magnified, and the Triune deity worshiped, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O HEAVENLY Father, our ever present God, look upon us; be Thou now present with us since we are here in Jesu's name, and accept this our morning sacrifice, for His sake. We would now dedicate ourselves most especially for this day unto Thee. We know that we are Thine by creation and redemption, but the world draws us, away from our Creator, and we are led too much to trust, if we trust at all, to corruptible things for our redemption. Oh, pardon us, good Lord, and enable us, with each returning day, to devote ourselves anew to Thee. Let it be our constant aim to make daily some advance in godliness, that we may not loose a day's precious opportunity of becoming Thine. We know not how many, if any, days are before us. The message may already have gone forth, and the arm of death be already uplifted. Now, whilst we are safe; now, whilst we can plead a Saviour's name; now, whilst the Spirit can strive with us, and whilst we can repent and turn unto Thee, we beseech Thee, to turn us, and so shall we be turned. Be merciful unto us, and that soon. Convince us of the sin, the folly of delay. Teach us that only wisdom which cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights; purify us from all pollution of the flesh and spirit, and enable us, one and all to perfect holiness in the fear of Thee. And accept us in these and all our petitions to the throne of grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, our Saviour, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS and glorious Lord Jehovah, let all the world praise Thee, and magnify Thy name. Let multitudes here on earth proclaim Thy goodness day by day, and tell forth Thy loving mercy and truth as each night returns. Let all Thy worshiping people, with each rising and setting sun, tell of Thy wonders, and go forth in Thy strength to proclaim them among the nations of the earth. Yea, let Thy name be daily more known, Thy glory more promoted, Thine honor more acknowledged; and let each one of us, O Lord, be an instrument in Thine hands, thus to advance Thy kingdom, and to do Thy bidding. This night, we would magnify Thy name for renewed mercies; mercies undeserved, unasked, yet granted in love and pity; for we have been preserved from danger; we have been fed with food convenient for us; our friends have been left to us; and we are again privileged to meet in Thy dear Son's name, we are permitted once more to come into Thy presence with humble supplication for pardon and peace. O Lord, forgive all our yet unforgiven transgressions; blot out all our sins; make our repentance sincere. Teach us to confess our sins one to another, that we may pray for each other; and oh, make us so earnest for Thy glory, that we may assist all within our reach to walk as Thy servants, the redeemed of our common Saviour, the sanctified of the Holy Spirit. Let not the evil one, by any device or cunning close our lips, but open them, O Lord, that they may glorify Thee, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, holy and great; Thou who didst protect Thy people of old as they passed through the wilderness, and who hast never forsaken any who trust in Thee, we most humbly beseech Thee to give us such a sure trust and confidence in Thy mercy and love, that we may cast ourselves into Thy hands both for time and for eternity. Lead us to Thyself, O God, in frequent and fervent prayer; enable us to make all our requests known unto Thee; to utter forth every feeling of our heart, every desire of our mind, so that, considering Thee in all things, we may be kept from evil, and may learn to do well. Let not our trust be wavering or uncertain, but fixed and sure, knowing on what foundation we should build, even on Thy promises which cannot fail, and that we have Jesus for our surety. Let the love Thou hast already so abundantly shewn towards us, keep us in the fear and love of Thee, that we may cease to do evil and learn to do well. Oh, suffer us not to forget how much we owe Thee; how many things we are daily receiving from Thee. Set before us the frailty of our nature, the uncertainty of life, and of every good we have. Make us to see how many are denied blessings which we enjoy, and, in the knowledge of this to utter forth our praise and thanksgiving for Thy great goodness towards us. And lead us to constant prayer that Thou wouldest still watch over us and keep us. Yea, Lord, be our Keeper and our Guide unto death, for Jesus Christ's sake, our very God our Saviour, and Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast given unto us eternal life, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, give us also, we pray Thee, a sense of Thy goodness and mercy in thus vouchsafing to us so precious and great a gift. Shew us its inestimable value; convince us of the awful folly of neglecting to secure it now, whilst the day is ours; whilst we have the privilege of an accepted time, and of coming to Thee by prayer. Lead each one of us to examine himself whether the precious gift is obtained; whether his peace is made, and heaven secured. Lead us into a strict examination of ourselves; to a close questioning of our hearts as to the things which belong to our eternal peace, before they be for ever hid from our eyes. Let Thy Holy Spirit dwell with us continually, to guide us into all truth, that we may neither think, nor say, nor do anything which is not in strict accordance with Thy law, and justified by Thy word. Oh, let Him so convince us of sin, that we may start from the very thought of committing sin; that we may do all we can to prevent it in others, that we may endeavor to win souls to Christ; to advance the truth as it is in Jesus; to labor in Thy vineyard, that some may be added, through our instrumentality, to the Church; that we may approve ourselves in all things to be Thy disciples; that we may rejoice in Thy mercy and goodness unto us; and that Thy name may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our God, almighty and all-merciful, Thou art God over all, blessed for ever. Thou canst not forget Thy creatures; Thou canst not leave them nor forsake them. But they leave Thee; yea, Lord, we forsake Thee and Thy ways continually; we go astray; we walk not after Thy commandments, nor obey Thy laws; our hearts are set upon vanity. We seek that which we think will profit us; we go after worldly advantages, and we labour for worldly means; but we do not remember to ask Thy blessing on all our doings, therefore, they do not always prosper. O Lord, hear us now whilst we ask Thee to bless us in whatsoever we put our hands to this day; oh, make it to end for our good; oh, prosper Thou the work of our hands, good Lord, prosper Thou our handy work. Suffer us not to fall into sin, nor to indulge in evil; let not our thoughts dwell on iniquity, nor our minds give way to vanity; oh, let not our tongues speak that which shall not please Thee. Watch over us as our Keeper, and make us to look to Thee as our Friend. Let not any darling sin gain a mastery, or advance this day in its power over us, but give us all grace and strength so to combat against it, that we may find ourselves stronger when we kneel in our evening sacrifice than we now are, more fitted to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. And grant us our requests, we beseech Thee, for the sake of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL Lord, who hast ever graciously looked upon all who put their trust in Thee, and hast loved a praying people; give us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of prayer and supplication, and bless our meeting at the close of another day. We would ask Thee, O God, to regard with Thy favor all who are near and dear to us, whether absent or present; nourish them with Thy goodness, let the light of Thy truth shine upon them, and Thy blessing attend them. Shew them Thy salvation, and draw them to Thyself, by the cords of a lasting love. Oh, remove from them every evil propensity; subdue in them every unholy will; and bring them into Thy fold, that they may follow the great Shepherd whithersoever He would lead them. Make us to love each other more cordially; that we may all learn to love Thee better than we do, for we know that if we love not our brother whom we have seen, we cannot love Thee whom we have not seen. Instil, then, into our hearts, we pray Thee, that love which is the fulfilling of the law. And bless us all with health and strength; give us such things as may be convenient for us; but, above all make us content with whatsoever Thy providence orders for us, knowing that Thou doest all things well. And make us ever to remember in our prayers all for whom we ought to pray, that perchance a blessing may descend on some we love, and we be glorified with them in the great day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Father of the spirits of all flesh, and who hast made all men for Thyself, and wouldest not that any should perish, we most humbly beseech Thee to look upon us. We have often erred, we have often gone astray; we have forgotten Thee; we have done exceeding wickedly, and yet Thou hast kept us in health and safety, and hast given us many good things richly to enjoy. Oh, let us not despise Thy mercies for the time to come, shew us a more excellent way than that in which we have hitherto walked; preserve us from all the assaults of the evil one; and keep us especially from the company of the wicked and the profane. Be unto us an unceasing light, that we may see our way clearly, and may walk according to Thy will and law in all things. Remove from us our great wilfulness; and teach us henceforth by Thy Spirit, that we may be wise, not only for time, but unto salvation. Turn us from our evil ways, and give us life. Let us rise each morning joyous, because Thou art our God, and lie down each night in peace, because Thou art our shield. Let us walk forth secure, because Thou art our Protector, but with caution, because Thou spiest out all our ways, and knowest when we trust in Thee or walk foolishly. O Lord, hear us, O Lord, answer our prayer; O Lord, keep and and bless us, in time and for eternity. And Thou blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, receive our feeble praise and thanksgiving, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

HOW shall we come before Thee, O God, or what shall we say unto Thee; we will plead the merits of our Redeemer, and so feel holy confidence and joy as we kneel before Thee. For His sake, O Lord, hear us, and give us free pardon for all the sins of thought, word, or deed, which we have this day committed against Thee. Oh, blot out all our offences of old, and remember them not. Receive us in the spirit of love, and breathe into us a like spirit, that we may live in love, and persevere unto the end, even as our blessed Saviour did, in acts of love and holy charity. Suffer us not to trust to our own selves in anything we do. Show to us how weak we are; how unequal, in our own strength, to do one thing pleasing or acceptable unto Thee. Open our mouths to speak to each other, and to strengthen each other, that we may live as Christians one with another. Make us to regard ourselves, as we are, as members of one family, who ought to live in love; who ought to exercise patience and forbearance towards one another; knowing that, as we give, so shall we receive. Oh, suffer no enmity, no ill will, no peevishness, no perverseness, to be indulged among us; but keep us in the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. And whereinsoever we have thus offended against Thee, oh, pardon us, and have mercy upon us, for Thy dear Son's sake, our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast been gracious unto this land; Thou hast given to its people the light of truth. Thou hast, indeed, dealt very mercifully with us, for Thou hast shewed unto us the way in which we should walk, and Thou hast wrought out for us a great salvation. But, above all, Thou hast given to us the name of Jesus by which to approach Thee; and Thou hast made Him our Mediator with Thee, when we were afar off. In Him we have access unto Thee by faith, and we know—thanks for Thy great love in revealing it to us—that whosoever cometh unto Thee by Him shall, in nowise, be cast out. O Lord, receive us, for we so come; we now approach Thee in the name of Thy Beloved; in the name of Thine only Son, and our Saviour. We come with great confidence, because we know that His name and His merits are all prevailing; yet we come in deep abasement of spirit, because we also know that we are not fit to enter into Thy presence. Yet, Lord, we would this day go into the courts of Thine house; we would there worship and serve Thee as Thy servants; we would there meet Thee, as Thy redeemed people. Oh, give us grace and strength to go and to find Thee there. Enable us to profit by what we shall hear; and bring us away with more holy desires, and more heavenly spirits than we now have, that we may have fresh cause to rejoice in Thee, as we would now and ever do, O holy Father, in and through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, we again come before Thee as another Sabbath closes, to express our thankfulness for the mercies of Thy holy day. And yet, O Lord, we must confess, that the solemn call which it brought to each of us, to turn to Thee with all our hearts, and to spend its every hour in Thy service, has not been obeyed. Though it is Thine own day, blessed by Thee, and dedicated for Thyself for ever, yet we have sought out ease and pleasures as if the day had been our own; and the evil one has held us in dominion. Pardon, we pray Thee, every wandering thought, and the sin to which we have yielded; blot out our offences, for Jesus Christ's sake, and remember Thy loving mercies of old time. Give us hearts more entirely devoted to Thee; shew us the delight of holding communion with our God, and lead us to meditate early and late on Thy works and mercies; let each view we take of the world in which we live, bring Thee to our mind, and awaken within us a thrill of holy pleasure; and whenever we enter into the courts of Thine house, make us to remember that there Thou lovest to meet Thy praying people and to bless them. And bless all who have knelt in Thy sanctuaries, throughout our land, this day; let Thy mercy follow them, and Thy voice be ever present with them, wheresoever they go or whatever they do; and grant that this evening's close may witness many a heart comforted by the day's privileges, and many a rejoicing spirit which has found a shelter from doubt in the bosom of a reconciled Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our gracious God, let Thy merciful ears be open to our prayers, and answer all our petitions as it may seem good to Thee. We have desired many things, O Lord, which Thou hast not seen fit to grant, and we have asked when no reply has followed, because Thy wisdom saw better what would benefit us than our limited power could discern. Oh, make us so sensible of our weakness, our ignorance, and frailty, that we never call in question Thy judgments, nor repine when our wants are unremoved; but that we may remember who denies, even a God whose darling attribute is love. Enable us to exercise a holy and submissive patience under every dispensation of Thy providence; to be humble when we are in prosperity as well as when Thine hand is heavy upon us. Yea, Lord, teach us that most excellent virtue even as it characterised our blessed Saviour. Subdue in us every feeling of pride, whether it be towards our neighbor, or before Thee. Shew us the ruin it has brought on man, the misery it entails on every son of man, and the legions with which it fills the place of torment. Persuade us, in mercy, to lay aside its insidious power, for it cleaves to us, and we love its close folds. Oh, bring us, Lord, to a change of spirit lest it work our ruin; lest it lead us from sin to sin, from daring to daring, until we become hardened, impenitent and lost, cast out for ever from Thy presence and favor. Oh spare us, good Lord, and help and deliver us for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who hast declared Thyself to us in mercy, and yet reservest punishment for the wicked, and wilt in nowise clear the guilty, mercifully visit us with the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be able to read our own hearts, to try and prove ourselves whether we be in the faith. Lead us to Thy pure word as thirsting souls to a pleasant stream, that we may draw of the waters of life and be satisfied. Enable us to read the words of truth with patience, diligence, and attention; vouchsafe to us a knowledge of Thy will, as we read, and make plain before us the way of salvation. Let not Satan blind our eyes to Thy graciously vouchsafed law, nor harden our hearts against the reception of its holy injunctions; but make us to bear in mind that out of that book we shall be judged; that every action we do and every word we say must be brought to the law, and be tried by its strict requirements. And, as we cannot obey and do as we ought, let the pleading of Thy dear Son avail for us; enable us, in His strength, to go forward, fearless of evil, and regardless of danger, and with our entire trust in Thee. Oh, do Thou in mercy, teach every one of us these solemn truths, that we may be enabled to unite in spirit when we pray, and so receive the blessings promised to united prayers, even sure answers, renewed mercies, and the rich blessing of quiet spirits stayed on Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

MORNING.

O GOD of grace and mercy, we would humbly present ourselves at Thy throne, now that we have been permitted to rise in health and safety, and to see the light, and enjoy the blessings of another day. Oh, make us sensible of these precious gifts, and impress upon our hearts a true knowledge of their value and importance. May we learn to know them as treasures not to be wasted; talents not to be misemployed, but of the use of which we must one day give an account, when He, who has lived in time, and felt the presence of an earthly day, shall come in heavenly glory to judge, and to reward or punish all men according to the deeds done in the flesh. Strengthen us for a due performance of every duty, through the hours before us, ere the night come; may we remember that six days we are to labor, and do all that we have to do; and so avoid slothfulness in business, indifference as to our occupations. The day is Thy gift, O Lord, and shall we undervalue it. If the present be ours, we know not that Thou hast a morrow in reserve for us; seal this important, this awful truth upon our hearts, that we may prepare in this the accepted time. It is Thy Spirit's work; we cannot prepare ourselves, and the warning voice of quickly departing time calls to us in accents loud and continuous. Lord, grant that we delay no longer—let no persuasions fall upon our ears powerful enough to lead us astray, but restrain us by Thy Spirit, and bless us with prayerful hearts, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD most high, O Lord, most holy, O Lord, everlasting, gracious, and true, Thou only eternal and ever blessed God, hear our prayer, give ear unto our petitions, and accept us, for Jesus Christ's sake. We would pray unto Thee for peace, that peace which Thy Spirit only can give, and without which we cannot live and prosper. Enable us to seek it in every hour, and to promote it in every act; subdue in us that rebellion which leads mankind so often astray; break down that pride which bars against us the entrance into heaven; take away from us every feeling which may hinder us from running our appointed course in unity and peace. O Lord, make us to remember whose gracious legacy it was to fallen man, for Jesus left His peace for His disciples. But, Lord, we have not sought so as to obtain it. We have often spoken angry words; we have often used provoking language, and we have done many things which have hindered the establishment of peace. Henceforth, O Lord, keep us more in the paths of peace; unite us, of this household especially, in more close bonds of unity, and let love be shewn towards each other by every one of us. Keep us for the time to come by Thy power; and let us never forget that to live with Thee hereafter we must live in peace with all men here. Bless us with this Thy gift, now; yea, hear our prayer, O gracious God, for our Saviour's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, Thou who vouchsafest in mercy to reveal Thyself to us under the most tender title, and to declare Thy love in a manner which all may understand. Thou who humblest Thyself, O gracious Lord, to call us children; to speak to us in the kind and pitiful accents of a loving Father; to bid us, in winning voice, come unto Thee, for pardon, reconciliation, and peace; to open our overcharged hearts, and pour into Thy listening ear our wants and wishes, our necessities, and desires; Thou who never refusest to hear the most ignorant or the most weak. Thou canst read the hearts of men, and askest but that they be given to Thee, if the tongue know not how to frame the petitions those hearts would dictate. Take, we humbly, but earnestly pray Thee, our rebellious hearts into Thy hands; mould them, Lord, and fashiom them afresh; destroy in them all pride and rebellion, by which the angels lost their first estate. Purify us from the love of this world, and a desire for temporal good, which hinders us in our onward course, and grant that we may seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, knowing that all things good and necessary will then be added to us. And so stablish us by Thy Spirit, that we may go on our way rejoicing; that we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, but fearing no evil; that we may finish our course with joy, and full of faith await the summons which shall call us hence to the rest we would have, the purchased rest of our Saviour, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Creator, the Governor of the universe, we Thine unworthy creatures would now approach Thee, acknowledging and lamenting our many sins and short-comings. We would confess how often we have heard in vain the warning voice of Gospel truth; how often in vain we have met for prayer, and bent the knee when our heart was far away, set upon vanity, the pleasures or the business of life. We have indeed often erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, and have followed the multitude to do evil. Turn us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned; have mercy upon us, and succour us in this our hour of need, and let Thy Holy Spirit descend upon and dwell with us, filling our hearts with all good, and influencing us in every thought, and word, and work. Keep our lips that they speak no evil, our hearts that they harbor not the thought of wrong; and may we be stirred to good in whatsoever we do. Be Thou also nigh unto all who need Thee, but know not how to ask that aid, which only can prevail for them; and bless those, by yet more patient abiding, who have delayed to ask from Thee the things they want, having been taught that from Thee alone do all good things proceed. Yea, pity the ignorant and weak; establish the feeble and wavering, and stay the strong, that each may rejoice in Thee, the God of his salvation. Be with our absent friends and relatives; be to them a Father and a Protector, and may Thy Spirit guide them to look to Thee as such. Oh hear us for Jesus Christ's sake, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, gracious and merciful, who keepest mercy for thousands and tens of thousands who call upon Thee faithfully, listen to our call which we again make to Thee, and bless us in our meeting. Increase we beseech Thee, our means of grace, add to our number of opportunities of serving Thee, and grant that we neglect none of the many afforded to us. Give us grace and strength to use all diligence to make our calling and election sure; further us with Thy continual goodness, that whatsoever we do, we may do it to Thy glory, and so prosper in our work. Bless our relations and friends with all spiritual blessings and temporal comforts; alleviate the sorrows of the afflicted; look with pity upon the prisoner and captive; assuage the pain of those who labor under disease, and give to all rest and peace, sanctifying their sufferings and crosses unto them. Make them to see Thy hand in every dispensation of Thy Providence, and, though Thou afflictest sorely, to praise Thee, learning to say with holy David. "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn Thy ways." Let peace be upon us as a nation; give wisdom to our rulers; that wisdom which cometh from above, and which maketh wise unto salvation. Lighten the darkness of those who are in error; dispel the clouds of ignorance, superstition, and fanaticism, which so greatly abound, darkening our land as with an Egyptian darkness, and dragging thousands to eternal ruin. And let the name of Jesus prevail for us, now and evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, now that another day has closed, and we are about to seek tho refreshment of rest and sleep, ere we lie down, we would meet, invoking Thy favor and protection, and offering up our hearty thanksgiving to Thee for mercies and love. But, in the day now past, we have often erred; we have given way to thoughts and words inconsistent with our profession, our calling in Christ Jesus. We have not walked as Thy people; we have not let our light so shine before men, that Thy name might be more glorified, or any added to the faith. Pardon us in this, we beseech Thee, and strengthen us by Thy Spirit to amend for the time to come; make us to look to Thee with more sincerity, and singleness of heart, not regarding what man shall say; not resting on his opinion, as we look not for our reward from him; but having our eye and heart given and looking only to Thee, from whom all good things do come. We thank Thee that Thou hast given of them to us; that we have been enabled to enjoy the light of the day, and the comforts of life with which Thou hast provided us, that we were not been bent with sickness, or bowed by disease. O Lord, preserve us thus, or sanctify Thy visitations to our souls' comfort. Bless us as a nation and people; give grace to the Queen and all in authority under her; make them to be indeed Thy ministers for good. Shed the dew of Thy blessing on all in authority in Thy Church, that many may be led to know and live in Thy truth. Have mercy upon all men, and spread Thy glorious name far and wide, that daily more and more may come unto Thee, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and heavenly Father, we Thine unworthy creatures come before Thee to offer up our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. We would thank Thee for preserving us during the night past; for giving us rest, and sleep, and that Thou hast brought us in health to the beginning of another day. O Lord, grant that we may spend it in Thy service; not in vain pursuits; not in folly, miscalled, too oft times, pleasure; not in conformity to the world, but as becometh heirs of salvation; members of Christ and children of Thy love, by adoption and grace. Give us strength to resist the temptations that may beset us during it; to withstand the seductions that may be put in our way; the allurements of Satan. We know that he is ever active to destroy; that he seeketh to overcome, and sorely tries even the elect; but we have a Helper and Defender; we know where to look; in whom to place our confidence, even in Thee, our Maker and our gracious Friend. Lord, hear us, for Christ's sake, and be merciful unto us. Bless us in our going out and coming in; make the work of our hands to prosper, and give us peace. Let Thy truth shine more abundantly day by day; make the knowledge of Thee, our God, to increase around us. Grant that Gospel truth may spread, and the name of Christ be named everywhere, as the anchor of each man's hope, the confidence he has for heaven. Look graciously upon this nation and bless it. Oh hear and answer, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Maker and Preserver, hear us whilst we call unto Thee, offering our humble prayers through Christ our Lord. Bless us with the light of Thy countenance, and let Thy peace be ours, for it passeth all understanding; we can only know it by experience. Do Thou then in mercy, we beseech Thee, stir us up by Thy Spirit to seek that peace evermore; to rest not until we find it. Make us to have clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us; cleanse us from sin, and the natural pollution of evil which clings to us, threatening sure destruction; and keep us Thine for ever. Stregthen us to wrestle manfully and successfully against the temptations which the craft and malice of the devil are ever putting in our way; give us the power to watch against them, and so to be ever on our guard. Raise up around us faithful witnesses of Thy truth; men who shall cry aloud and spare not; who shall be able to shew Thy way and truth as it is, and to warn sinners that they repent, lest sudden destruction come upon them unawares. Grant to us all a sense of our duty in the several stations in which it hath pleased Thee to place us; make us diligent to do our appointed tasks as Thy creatures, the children of Thy love, and not as men pleasers. Bless all dear to us; pour upon them the light of Thy truth, and dispel all ignorance and blindness from among them. And take us into Thy especial keeping this night; give Thy holy angels charge over us, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our very Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS Lord and Maker, we Thine unworthy creatures would now bend ourselves before Thee in humility, as sinful and unworthy of the least of Thy favors, yet asking many in Christ, for He has commanded us to pray. Look down from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, with an eye of pity and compassion upon us; where we are weak, strengthen; where strong, support. Keep us in all our doings; direct our footsteps in the way of Thy commandments. And, because our frailty is very great, compass us about with cords of deliverance, and give us a confidence in Thee, which nothing can shake, a trust unmoveable, and full of joy. Be merciful unto us when we err, and let Thy Spirit lighten our hearts to perceive the error, that we repent and turn to Thee with weeping and mourning, and prayer; knowing that Thou waitest to be gracious, and wouldest not that any should die. Have mercy upon all mankind; give them more light; increase their knowledge; awaken in them a deeper love for Thee and Thy law, that iniquity be not their ruin. Subdue in us all pride; make us kind and condescending; willing to obey, waiting to minister to the wants and necessities of our fellows, even as Christ, our great example, did. And receive our hearty thanksgivings for all Thy mercies bestowed upon us; for health, and the comforts of life; but more for the redemption which is ours in Christ. Oh, enable us indeed to make it ours, that we lose not so precious a gift, for His sake, our Saviour and our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and God, we again come before Thee in humility and love seeking Thy favor, and asking Thy assistance; help us to pray, and bless us, for Christ's sake. We are Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture; we have been upheld by Thee ever since we were born, and yet we have rebelled often and wilfully; we have sinned and gone astray; we have not heeded Thy counsels, nor learned Thy law. Be not extreme, we beseech Thee, to mark what we have done amiss; pardon our transgressions and help us, especially on the morrow, when we are about to enter into Thine house, to join Thy worshiping people in prayer and praise according to Thine appointment. Oh, prepare us, in heart and spirit for a right enjoyment of that holy day, for a full participation in all its benefits and blessings, that our prayers may rise as incense and be accepted of Thee. Give grace to to all near and dear to us; to our relations and friends; make them to see and know Thee as Thou art, a reconciled Father in Christ; a loving Friend through the Spirit. Make them to perceive and know Thy purity and power, Thy love and holiness, and to tremble lest they offend Thee. Look upon our Queen, and endue her with all the Christian graces and virtues; make her an example to all her subjects for good. Bless her ministers, make them to rule us in the faith and fear of Thee. Look down with an eye of love on all in affliction and distress, may they rest on Thee as their rod and staff, and sanctify them with us by Thy Spirit, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL Lord, accompany us, we beseech Thee this day, to Thy house; lead us to Thy courts with gladness of heart, and sincerity of profession. Teach us the privilege we enjoy in meeting Thee there, and grant that, whilst there, we may indeed realise Thy presence, as that of a kind Friend, a loving Father; a merciful God, who waiteth to be gracious. Put away from us all evil fancies, all wicked imaginations; all vain desires. May no worldly thoughts interfere, no pleasant memories intrude, to draw us from Thee, the one only subject which should possess our hearts and minds as we appear before Thee. Bless all Thy ministers in every place; cause their ministrations this day to be effectual with those to whom they minister; let Thy word, whether read or preached, have free course, that we may be taught thereby to name the name of Christ, and to depart from iniquity. Bless our Schools, and all who labor or are taught therein. Give to the Teachers wisdom and discretion, patience and perseverance; to the Scholars attention and a desire to learn. Be with all those who, from sickness or any other necessity, are kept from the assembling of themselves with Thy faithful people this day; sanctify to them their afflictions, that they may be more and more weaned from the world, casting their care on Christ, their affections heavenward. And may the prayers offered in Thine house this day bring down upon us a flood of blessing, that we may walk before Thee with upright hearts, and enjoy Thy favor now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, the Maker of the Universe, and all therein, who didst create all things in six days, and then rest from Thy labor, hallowing and sanctifying the seventh day as a Sabbath for ever, a type to all generations of that heaven in which Thy glorified saints, resting from their labors, shall worship and serve Thee in purity and love through eternity, we humbly but heartily thank Thee that Thou hast in mercy permitted us to spend this day as a Sabbath, by attendance in the courts of Thy house, and by joining with Thy worshiping people in acts of prayer and praise. But, with our thanksgiving, we must open our hearts and confess unto Thee, that we have not loved the day as we ought; that we have not been in all its hours entirely occupied with Thee; for, when in Thy house, our thoughts have wandered, and we have neglected to join in its services. Oh, pardon us, we beseech Thee, and make our repentance sincere. Strengthen us for the future; yea, Lord, add to our strength day by day; give us such a love of Thee and Thy service that we may be fitted here for the rest of heaven; for we know that here the work must be done. Bless the instruction this day given throughout our land, and add to the Church many who have listened to the Gospel sound, and been hitherto deaf to the invitations Thou has sent by Thine appointed ministers. May the spiritual food of which we have partaken stay us through this week, that we may pass its hours in cheerfulness, before Thee our God, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we come again before Thee with another day, and we would bless Thy holy name for the mercies of the past night. We would acknowledge that it is by Thy goodness we are preserved from danger; that it is Thy love only which has kept us safe, and that it is of Thee we are now permitted once more to approach the throne of grace. Let us not, we pray Thee, be content to have done this; suffer us not to go forth from this place feeling that, because we have bent the knee, and said the word, therefore, we are accepted with Thee, therefore we are safe, and have no more to fear the effect of evil passion within, or of temptations from without; that we have no more striving, no more labor, no more work to do to make our calling and election sure. We beseech Thee let no such delusion gain a mastery over us; let no self-love draw us from a constant walk in Thy service. We know, O God, that Thou wouldest not that any should perish; we know that Jesus died that all men might live. Oh, give us that life which He purchased for us, even life eternal. Make our way plain before us; establish us in all our goings. Unite us in holy feelings of love, that we may be one in heart and spirit even as Thou, our God, and Christ are one. And let this day witness to ourselves and to the world, that we are Thy disciples; that we have not only a name to live, but that we are living before Thee and for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, the great and only Giver of health and strength; Thou source of every good, we presume to come unto Thee, imploring Thine assistance, and asking Thy free mercy in Christ Jesus. But, Lord, we would first offer our humble but sincere thanksgiving for past mercies; that Thou hast permitted us to dwell in safety; that Thou has kept us from the pestilence, and preserved us from disease and the fear of sudden death. We know that we are prone to sickness, and open to infection; and, therefore, we would more earnestly pray unto Thee that Thou wouldest preserve us for the time to come. Make us very careful not to injure our bodies by indulgence in any evil passion or desire. Keep our bodies under, good Lord, that we sin not against Thee, and so tempt disease to lay hold upon us, and perhaps bring us down to the grave in sorrow and in sin. Teach us how precious a talent health is; shew us how to preserve it as Thy gracious gift; and let no evil come nigh to hurt us. But, should it seem good unto Thee to visit us with sickness, to humble us under Thy mighty hand; oh, enable us to receive the visitation as from Thee; as from a God, who would not that any should perish, and who, therefore, sends His messengers of various kinds to call men to Himself according to their several dispositions. Teach us Thy way, O God; make us to walk in it; and now, in the day of our health, to dedicate ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, to Thee, our reasonable service, for the sake of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, before whom all flesh must bow, and who hast the lives of all creatures in Thine hands, we beseech Thee mercifully to behold us. Look upon us in Thy pity; regard us in Thy love; and, when we offend against Thee, which, alas, we do continually, be not extreme to mark our misdoings. Yet, Lord, if Thou sparest us, let Thy goodness awaken in us feelings of holy gratitude, and heavenly love. Let Thy forbearance and long-suffering lead us to repentance, and suffer us not to be hardened, as too many are, by Thy merciful dealings. Let us never presume on Thy mercy; let us not dare to entertain the thought of sin, lest, having so sinned, we be cut off, and that without remedy. Lead us to reflect on the terrors of Thy wrath, of a certain doom, and of a judgment to come. Teach us that no sinner can abide in Thy presence; and then shew us the nature of sin; how easy it is to commit sin, to forget Thee our God. Yea, Lord, shew us that, even now, whilst we have bent the knee in Thy presence, and are in the attitude of prayer, we may be sinning against Thee, and growing more hardened, more desperate, more impenitent. But, we earnestly beseech Thee, to preserve us from so a fearful a fall; let us never enter Thy presence for prayer, without praying; let not this place be ever desecrated by a mere lip service; but let all here ever unite in heart and spirit when they meet as now, to give honor to whom it is due, even to Thee, O Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, who orderest all things both in heaven and earth; Thou art our Creator and Preserver; to Thee we owe all that we possess, and from Thee we would seek all that we desire. Direct, therefore, our hearts, and give to us such desires only as shall please Thee. Suffer us not to indulge in any vain wish for the possession of things of time and sense, for the mere goods of this world, which perish in the using, and leave with their departure sorrow and disappointment. Teach us rather to look for heavenly things; to set our affections on things above; to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness. Shew us how to strive to advance that kingdom, and to let Thy righteousness shine in us. Give us more simple and enduring faith; enable us to wait Thy time, and, with patience and diligence, to endeavor to do the work which Thou hast appointed for us. Yea, Lord, strive with us now, in Thy mercy, lest we suffer opportunities to pass by which we may never recall, and means of grace to escape, which may never recur, and so add to our sin and our sorrow both here and hereafter. We must own that we too much neglect the present, the all of time which is ours, whilst we dream of, and save for, a future which we may never know; we feed on a shadow, and so go empty away. But since it is not too late now to repent; oh, give us a repentance not to be repented of. Establish us on the Rock, the Rock of ages; and accept us now and ever for Jesu's sake, and be our Father and our God, through time and for eternity. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST holy Lord, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and yet vouchsafest to look upon Thy sinful creatures with love and pity, we beseech Thee now to regard this small household, met in Thy dear son's name, to prefer our petitions, and to offer our prayers unto Thee. We would ask Thy fatherly protection during the present day; that Thou wouldest be our Guide, whithersoever we go, our Director, whatever we do. Oh, instil into our hearts, we earnestly beseech Thee, such love and reverence towards Thee, that we may indeed seek first, and before all things, Thy kingdom and righteousness; that we may lay aside every evil thought, the sin that doth most easily beset us, the desire for aught forbidden, and the hope of anything not in entire accordance with Thy law and commandments; and that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, having Christ as our example, and so adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. We know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, but we know that we may do all things through Christ who is ready to strengthen us. Save us, Lord, in mercy; make us to flee to our Rock for safety, to answer His free invitation to come and cast our cares upon Him, to make Him all our refuge, our only hope and stay; putting aside every worldly prop, and the vain imaginations of the flesh, our own thoughts which are but weakness. Oh, bear us, gracious Lord, and bless us now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, by whose Providence we are preserved, and by whose most merciful guidance we have been brought to the close of another day, grant that we may lay to heart the awful truth which this teaches us, that we are nearer to our latter end; that time is fast passing away, and that eternity is, as it were, approaching, with all its awful existences of heaven and hell, joy and misery. Yea, Lord, make us to see in each event that occurs Thy gracious love; in each hour Thy merciful forbearance; staying Thy wrath that we may turn unto Thee with penitence and prayer, that we may yet seek Thee, though so many days and years have passed during which we have been unmindful of Thy mercies, regardless of Thy warnings, and living as if we had no souls, no undying principle to be for ever when this frail body shall have crumbled into dust, but were as the beasts that perish. Oh, correct us, not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing; but by merciful chiding; and turn us, good Lord, so shall we be turned. Teach us to seek Thee with all our heart, taking heed to Thy word, and walking diligently, not as careless, not as indifferent, but marking every moment as a precious gift we would not lose, but improve the rather to our soul's benefit. And, O Lord, receive our humble thanksgivings for all Thy many mercies, showered upon us from day to day, many unacknowledged, alas and unfelt as such; but since Thou art not extreme with us, therefore, we approach with boldness, and pleading, Jesu's name and merits, offer these our petitions unto Thee. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, help us to pray, in spirit and in truth; direct our hearts unto Thee, as we now bend our knees, and bless us in our morning service. We ask Thee to look upon our land in Thy compassion; to let Thy light shine more brightly over it; and Thy Spirit strive more and more with those of our fellow creatures who heed not the truth they hear, nor use the opportunities which are daily afforded them. Be Thou the Guide of our Sovereign, and all who rule under her. Lead their hearts in the faith and fear of Thee; and let wisdom, that wisdom which is from above, direct and influence all their counsels; that they may do Thy work, and promote Thy honor and glory. Teach the messengers of Thy word, that they may speak as ambassadors of their King and Lord; that they may in all things listen to Thy Spirit's teaching, and be enabled to turn sinners from the error of their ways unto Thee, the Lord their God. Increase the number of Thy worshipers as in the early days of Gospel truth; make men to seek the things which savor of peace, and to love those which Thou commandest. Bless all who endeavor to instruct the young; give them zeal, and patience, and make them faithful, as Thy called. And be to us, as a household, very merciful; watch over us as we rise, and as we lie down; as we go about our business, and endeavor to do our duty each in the station of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place him. Let our light shine abroad to Thy honor and glory, and bless us in all our doings for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O, GOD, our very God, most holy and true, the close of another day has brought us, according to Thy merciful provision for us, into Thine immediate presence; we have met, to ask Thy renewed mercies—mercies so abundantly and so freely vouchsafed during the day—through the night upon which we have now entered. Enable us to do so in the spirit of humble prayer, yet of earnest supplication. We plead on our behalf, the blood of Jesus, because we know there is none other name or power which can help but His, none other sacrifice which can avail but that which He offered on the cross. And we know that it was made for us; yea, for us, who are here kneeling before Thee, as fully and effectually as for the richest, and the noblest, and the wisest of the sons of men. Good Lord, hear us, good Lord, answer us, good Lord, bless us; curtain us about this night with the shadow of Thy wings; give Thy holy angels charge over us, that no evil come nigh to hurt us; suffer no temptation to overtake us. Let the waking moments which may follow these our petitions be dedicated to Thee by holy thoughts; let heavenly meditations occupy us in the silence of our chambers, and, as we lie down on our beds, after our solemn prayer to Thee for mercy and grace, let a silent ejaculation ascend from our lips, that we may be safe in Thy keeping. Thy mercy is great, therefore, we ask in confidence, and we again plead the name of Jesus; oh, hear us, for His sake, now and ever. Amen

MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, who hast vouchsafed to us means of grace innumerable, and hast set before us the hope of eternal glory, animate our souls, we pray Thee, by an earnest and continuing desire to obtain those means, and to realize that hope. It is Thine, O God, to mould the hearts of men; they are all in Thy hands, and Thou disposest them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom. Dispose ours, we most earnestly beseech Thee, though we have no claim on Thy mercy and goodness in ourselves, yet, for Thy dear Son's sake, to seek every means of grace which Thou vouchsafest; give us a desire for them, as of Thine own appointment; as privileges, great and precious, which are afforded for a season, and must tend to our benefit or confusion according to the use we make of them. Give us such a love for them as we have for worldly pleasures and enjoyments, for the things of time and sense which we hunt after, though they perish in the using. Transfer, O Lord, our affections from earth to heaven; draw us from the communion of the men of this world, to that of the saints in light. Set before us the vanity of this life's possessions, which, in their best estate, are very perishable; and convince us of our folly as well as sin of putting any trust or confidence in man. And do Thou, in mercy, so open the eyes of all in authority in our land, that they may seek Thee as their Director and Guide; that they may use every means Thy grace affords to secure Thee as their Friend and Comforter, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God and Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most high, O Lord, most holy, we give thanks unto Thee for all Thy great and abundant mercies, showered upon us from time to time, despite our sins, and constant rebellion. We have risen from our beds, and forgotten, too frequently, to thank Thee for the rest of sleep, to ask Thy blessing on the duties of the day; and, when night again returned, we have failed to remember the comforts so often enjoyed, and to seek their return. Look upon us now, we beseech Thee, whilst we humbly but heartily acknowledge our transgressions and confess our sins; whilst we seek Thy pardoning grace, through Jesus Christ, our Advocate in heaven, and, confident in Thy strength to sustain and deliver us, throw ourselves into Thy arms for deliverance from the bonds of sin and Satan, and for support against temptations. We are, indeed, sensible that we have sinned; that we have often offended Thee both in word and deed; that we have acted with awful ingratitude to our best benefactor and friend; and we are sometimes grievously oppressed with a sense of this our misdoing; but then the flesh again rebels; and we sin, as if we had no sense of its sinfulness, no knowledge of its dread consequences. Pardon us herein, we pray Thee, and help for the time to come; remove from us the stain of iniquity, with which we are tainted, and take away from us the reproach which is ours, whilst we have time for repentance and amendment, lest we be summoned to our last account, with all our sins upon our heads. Oh spare us, good Lord, for Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou art infinite in wisdom, directing all things well, and making them subservient to Thy great purpose, the good of Thy creatures, whom Thou hast made, and redeemed, we beseech Thee to regard this nation and people; let Thy blessing rest upon us; make us to be a nation fearing Thee and working righteousness; grant us to continue a shining light among the kingdoms of the earth, upholding, and spreading the truth as it is in Jesus; allowing nothing to hinder us in the great and glorious work, nothing to interfere with so high and holy a charge. Give to the Queen and her ministers a due sense of their responsibility; make them to know that by Thee they rule, and to Thee they must account for every act, whether it can stand the searching test of Thy law. Let Thy Holy Spirit lighten their understandings, and fill their hearts, so shall we prosper, and increase, and have a blessing. Smile graciously on the labourers in our land; give them strength to labor; make them diligent, seeking the increase they would have from Thee; daily going forth in Thy strength, knowing that, if Thou witholdest Thine hand, all their labor is in vain, all their anxiety is lost, and their work profiteth them nothing. And whosoever is among us, for him would we pray, for all need Thine aid and protecting power; be with them in their several doings, prosper Thou the work of their hands, yea, prosper Thou their handiwork. Above all, give them a saving faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name and words we now address Thee:—Our Father

EVENING.

O GOD, who, in mercy, hast ordained times and seasons, and hast instituted rites and ceremonies for the benefit of Thy creatures, we heartily thank Thee that Thou hast brought us to the close of another week, the eve of one of Thy Sabbaths. Oh, open our mouths, we beseech Thee, with sounds of praise and thanksgiving for this holy appointment, on which man may come into Thy courts with gladness, and worship Thee in the assembly of Thy people; on which we may assemble ourselves together, not only because duty bids, but because inclination urges us; because the spirit is willing, and we can feel and own, with the holy Psalmist, than one day in Thy courts is better than a thousand spent in either business or pleasure, be the one ever so profitable, or the other ever so much in accordance with our desires, the natural bent of our inclinations. Fit us, during the hours which shall pass, ere we are to kneel in Thine house of prayer, for the great and solemn duty; make us alive to our responsibility, sensible of our trust, for an immortal soul is the charge intrusted to each of us; send Thy Holy Spirit to quicken us; to kill within us the seeds of sin, which are rooting there, the plants that have gained a hold; give us a pure insight into ourselves, our tempers, and dispositions, that we may prove ourselves whether we be in the faith, and may so lie down to rest this night safe under the shadow of Thy wings, and fearing no evil, but looking to and hoping for the morrow, that we may rejoice in Christ, whose day it is. Oh hear us and answer for His sake. Amen.

MORNING

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. We thank Thee, Lord, for Thy mercy in preserving us through the past night, and bringing us to the light of another Sabbath, for permitting us to assemble, in preparation for our meeting in the assembly of Thy worshiping people in the house which Thou hast appointed, and in which it hath pleased Thee to set Thy name, even the house of prayer for all generations. There Thou vouchsafest, in an especial manner to be present, when we approach Thee in that Thine appointed way; there Thou waitest and lovest to hear the hearty confessions of Thy contrite people, bewailing their sins and wickedness, and coming to Thee for pardon and relief. There Thou rejoicest in the thanksgivings, the incense of grateful hearts, which many voices speak to Thee; and there the prayer is joyfully heard by a loving Saviour, and borne by His bleeding hands, which plead His ransom of our souls, and shew forth His completed sacrifice. Oh, prepare us this day, by a due sense of all His gracious mercy and love, to come into Thy courts, with godly fear, and fervent hope, and unwavering faith. Inspire us with true devotion; kindle in us more real love to Christ, a deeper sense of His meritorious death and passion, all, all for us and our salvation. May we there confess in sincerity, and pray in truth, remembering that Thou readest the heart, and dost discern our every thought as well as act. And bless us now and ever for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

MOST merciful God, we Thine erring and sinful creatures would again come before Thee, to close this holy day with words of praise and thanksgiving for Thy goodness, in permitting us to join in the services of Thy Church, and to mingle with Thy worshiping people in Thine own appointed place. Oh, make us to value this privilege as we ought; to esteem it as a great and gracious boon, in which we have granted to us means of learning more of Thy will and knowing more of Thy law; in which Thou has been set before us in the fulness of Thy majesty and love. Accept the prayers which we have offered; pardon in us the carelessness, inattention, and wandering thoughts which have too much interfered with our duty, have rendered our worship dull, our hearts heavy, and hindered us from blessings otherwise ours. May Thy word spoken and read in our ears, sink deeply into all our hearts, as good seed in fruitful ground, and bring forth abundantly. May we remember the instruction given to us by Thine appointed ministers, and put forth our hands, in faith, to lay hold on eternal life. And whatsoever of good we have learned, grant that it may be grafted inwardly in all our hearts, that we go on our way in peace, and live henceforth, to the honor and praise of Thy name. Continue to us, we beseech Thee, this holy privilege; enable us on each returning Sabbath, to hasten to Thine house to worship Thee with deep adoration and holy hope, and ever sanctify the means to our souls' comfort, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who art about our bed, and path, and spiest out all our ways; who seest us wheresoever we go, and knowest every plan we devise, every scheme we invent, ere we conceive or mature it; Thou, who readest the hearts of men, and marketst there every deviation from the path of duty, look, we beseech Thee upon us, and try our hearts, not by the scales of Thy eternal justice but in the balances of Thy love; weigh them not for their merits, but let the atoning blood of Christ supply the deficiency which must be found in them. And whatsoever there offendeth Thee, O Lord, cast it out, and implant instead within us Thy Holy Spirit to convince us of our sinfulness, and to waken us to watchful care, and active diligence in the search we must make into ourselves. Remove from our eyes the film of prejudice, or pride which may hinder us in running our appointed course; which may blind us to our danger, and hide from our view that cross where we should bend in prayer for pardon, peace, and reconciliation. And oh, establish us by Thy good Spirit, set our feet upon the rock of faith, and order our goings, that we slip not, neither run astray, nor go from the path that leadeth to Thee, and wherein only can we walk with safety, in assurance of peace at the last. And make us diligent in our walk, not delaying on the road; not turning either to the right hand or to the left; not seeking the favor and affection of men, or their applause, but looking simply and singly to Thee, through Christ, through whom we now come unto Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, how excellent is Thy name in all the world; Thy glory is spread over all, and seen in every work of Thine hand. Thou hast stretched forth the heavens as a curtain; Thou hast created sun and moon, to give light, and heat, and nourishment; to sustain life, and to be a blessing to the creatures of Thine hands. Thou hast made Summer and Winter; heat and cold obey Thee, and do Thy bidding. The herb and tree shew forth Thy strength and the mighttiness of Thy power; they give refuge to the beasts of the field, they shelter the fowls of the air, and drop their fruits as food for man; and all these in their several doings tell the wonders of Thy works. Oh, impress upon our hearts a due sense of this; give us life like these things, to do Thy bidding, to act our part, to fulfil Thy design in our creation. Send Thy Spirit upon us to impress on every heart the truths they proclaim, the lessons they teach. It is His work, and Christ has purchased for us His aid; for Christ's sake then, we pray Thee, condescend to look upon us with patient forbearance, for we have allowed these glorious and gracious lessons to be given too long in vain; we have gone on our way as if Thou wert not nigh, as if Thou didst never speak to us in or by any of Thy works; look upon us in Thy great pity for fallen man, and give us hearts to turn unto Thee with penitence, to seek Thee with earnestness and zeal, and to learn from day to day more of Thee, that we may be complete in Christ, prepared for the inheritance of the saints in light. Oh hear us, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast taught us graciously by Thy word; Thou hast been very merciful unto us. We have a book wherein Thy law is written in plain language, and which declares to us Thy will in all things which we should do. It tells us of Thy dealings in old time; of Thy merciful doings for the sons of men. Oh, that we could learn to praise Thee for this goodness, that we could magnify Thee for this love; that we could give ourselves unto Thee to be dealt with according to Thy loving kindness so long exercised for man. Let Thy Spirit, O God, strive with us; yea, O Lord God, let His power break down our stubborn wills, and subdue our unruly hearts, and bring us entirely into subjection to Thy will. Make Thy way plain unto us, and set our feet in it. Show us the path which is pleasant unto Thee, and make it our delight. Lead us to Thy word, as unto a lantern, by which we would walk, and be Thou our Rod; sustain us lest we stumble; hold us up, lest we fall. Keep us in every hour, and in every place, and let the brightness of Thy countenance shine into our hearts, that we may rejoice in Thee. Yea, Lord, cause us, as one, to rejoice greatly, for Thou hast redeemed us; with one heart and one voice to magnify Thy name from day to day, for Thou hast spared us; Thou hast delivered us from death. And do Thou spare us yet longer, in Thy love, and keep us this day from all sin and iniquity, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, ever blessed, let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, be merciful unto us, and accept us in this our evening service, for Thy dear Son's sake. We would acknowledge the love which has preserved us in all our goings this day; the hand which has sustained, and the power which has guided us, so that we have not fallen into danger, nor suffered from disease. But, O Lord, we must confess that, whilst Thou wert thus engaged on our behalf, we frequently forgot Thee. We did things which had no reference to Thee; we wrought in our own strength, and deemed that we were sufficient for ourselves. Pardon us, good Lord, and convince us of our error; show us how entirely we must depend on Thee, if we would prosper; how we are altogether unable to do anything of ourselves which is not sin, displeasing to Thee, and ruinous to our own souls, oh, subdue in us all pride, all presumption, all self-love, all vain thoughts and imaginings. Break our hard hearts, and bring down our rebellious spirits—yea, bring us into subjection unto Christ, who was meek, lowly, and forbearing, and teach us by Him, even to suffer wrongfully, rather than to speak a proud word, or give vent to an angry thought. And especially, where we so often meet together for prayer, and for the worship of Thee, let not our spirits or tongues rebel; but preserve us by Thy great power unto the day of our deaths, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Father, our God, our Creator, our Governor, we are met, through Thy mercy, with another morning's dawn, to worship Thee. We are permitted, by Thy favor, to spread forth our hands, and to make our requests known unto Thee. Oh, if we know not the value of this privilege, teach it unto us; if we estimate it not as we ought, oh, do Thou shew us its great importance, and make us to love it as from Thee. We know that from Thee only cometh every good gift; that to Thee we owe all things we possess, and that we must one day give an account of the manner in which we have used them. Oh, let it not be recorded against us, that we misused the house of prayer, that we let our thoughts wander, when our knees were bent, and that, whilst our bodies were bowed, as before Thee, our spirits were communing with this busy world of sin and folly. Shut out from us, now and ever, when we kneel before Thee, every thought which is not of Thee; which runs not with the uttered words, and which does not wing them to Thine ear of love and mercy. Purify us, as we approach to bend the knee; keep our feet when we move towards the place of prayer; give us the preparation of a right heart and a renewed spirit, ere we enter the portals where we are to join in prayer, lest we give only the sacrifice of fools, and do evil in Thy sight. And accept these our petitions, O almighty Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our very God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, the Author of peace, who abhorrest confusion, and who wouldest that all men should live in the unity of the Spirit, in the bonds of peace, and in righteousness of life, we most humbly, but earnestly beseech Thee to establish that peace in the land in which we live. Take away from us as a people all heartburnings, all contentions; let not differences of opinion make us to forget that Thou hast given to us ties of brotherhood as the children of one common Father, the inhabitants of one country, the subjects of one Sovereign. Break down in us that pride which is such a bar to christian unity and love, that we may not be ever seeking only our own, but others' good, and that we may strive to please Thee, by loving our fellows. But more especially we entreat Thee to look upon us, whom Thou hast brought together as one household. Make us to feel as one, for we have in truth but one common interest, and one common duty, to live as before Thee, to live to Thee, according to Thy holy will, in all things. Shew to us the blessings of peace; the necessity for it, if we would live in happiness or comfort. Subdue within each of us any feeling or passion which may ever tempt us to break the peace for which we pray; let us not yield a mastery to him who loves disorder, and produces but confusion, the evil one; but enable us by our prayers, by our strivings, by our conduct, to seek peace and to ensue it, that all men may know us to be the disciples of a crucified Redeemer, for whose sake we ask, and in whose words we further pray:—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, ever blessed, holy and eternal, we Thine unworthy, Thine unthankful, Thine ungracious creatures come before Thee. We come, because we have been taught to pray, because we know that Thou lovest to hear the petitions of Thy creatures, and because we want many things which only Thou canst give us. Oh, grant that we also come in the spirit of prayer, in dependance and faith. Let us never open our lips in the name of Jesus without feeling as if Jesus were nigh; and, oh, if we could, in this moment, realise to ourselves that he was near, we should not surely dare to lose one word of our petitions, by a wandering thought. And we do know that He is nigh because He has promised to be wherever two or three are met in His name. Give us, O Lord, a due sense of our privilege, yet of our responsibility, that we may in spirit shew to Thee our sense of our Redeemer's presence with us. And make us grateful for such condescending love. Warm our hearts by a lively contemplation of it; and grant that we may seek Him to accompany us through the hours of this day. O blessed Saviour, be with us, we beseech Thee, as we go hence, and strengthen us, by holy thoughts of Thee, and of all that Thou hast done for us. And Thou, most gracious Spirit of our God, very God, enlighten us as we pursue our daily work, that we may never forget from whom is strength, and help, and in whom only is safety. O blessed Trinity, one God, hear us now and evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, whose never failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and on earth, we come unto Thee with a hearty desire to place ourselves in Thine hands, to be moulded and kept by Thee now and ever. We must own that we have too often forgotten whose we are; that we have walked as if we were our own masters; and lived as if we could order all things well for ourselves. Yea, though Thou hast shewn us the folly of this, and brought us low by sickness, or visitations, yet we have again and again forgotten Thee, and walked frowardly. Oh, pardon us, good Lord; heavenly Father pardon us, and keep us for the time to come. Do Thou subdue us to Thine own will; remove from us that hardness of heart which makes us so forgetful of Thee, so independent of Thy law, and so impatient of constraint. Let us learn to walk humbly before Thee, our God. Let us wait Thy time, and strive to know Thy pleasure in all things; and, to this end, lead us daily to Thy word with prayer, that we may read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it; that we may love it, as a pearl of great price; and that we may learn to praise Thee for that love and mercy which vouchsafed to us so precious a gift. And make us to speak among ourselves and to others often of that word; let us love to dwell upon it, as we trust to it, that we may be kindled to more holiness of life and disposition, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, to whom vengeance belongeth, and who wilt repay; Thou who wilt visit every enemy of Thine, and the oppressor of man Thy creature, whom Thou dost support and protect, with awful punishment; send, we beseech Thee, upon us a meek and gentle spirit, an humble and teachable heart; a spirit to love and fear Thee, a heart bowed with the sense of its sinfulness, and obedient to Thy law. Subdue in us all pride, by the exercise of which our first parents fell; all presumption, which brings evil and misery in its train, all haughty imaginings, all rebellious thoughts. We would confess, gracious Lord, that we walk here too much as if there were no hereafter; as if we were Lords and Kings, and there was no one to rule over us. We forget obedience, we spurn authority; we despise laws, yea daily, and hourly when we know it not; for we refuse to obey Thee, we are no more obedient to Thy word; and yet we know Thy sentence is written against such; we know that Thy judgments are denounced and have been executed against such, for Satan lost his high estate in heaven and was cast out with his angels, because they would not obey or serve Thee. O Lord, save us from such presumption; keep us from such sin, lest we purchase to ourselves like vengeance, and insure such endless torment, our own work, for Thou wouldest have all, since all are purchased Thine by Christ, to come unto Thee by Him. Hear us and receive as we now come, for His sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O HOLY Lord, our God, and Judge, open our eyes, which are sealed with prejudice, and touch our hearts which are tainted with sin. Enable us, we pray Thee, to understand Thy holiness, which cannot abide any impure thing; Thy law which condemns, even the thought of wickedness. Remove from us every hindrance to a godly life; a life which, Thine by gift, should be Thine also by constant service and devotedness. Take away from us all hypocrisy and deceit, all cunning and meanness; make us to remember that, if practised against our fellow men, or to answer our worldly ends, they are an offence and abomination unto Thee, and sacrifice our hope of eternal life. Oh, purify us fully, remove the veil of ignorance from our minds; the love of this life, and of worldly things, from which we are daily tempted to sacrifice Thy favor here, and the hope of glory hereafter. Shew us our blessed Saviour as He walked among men, honest in his rebukes, kind in His warnings, fearful in His denunciations, and condemning the hypocrite to eternal ruin. May He be our example of patience, and perseverance in the work whereunto we are called, that we may, each of us in his several station, perform our duty in this world with zeal, diligence, faithfulness, and honesty, remembering that, though we serve men, we are accountable unto One who holds an unerring balance which bears not the slightest deceit, even to Thee, O God, our reconciled Father in Christ, for whose sake give us the things we need, and bless us ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST merciful and loving God, Thou blessed and eternal Lord, our refuge in all trials, our stay in adversity, our hope when temptation overtakes, let Thine eye behold us, as we meet, and for Jesus Christ's sake bless us in our meeting. Another day is before us, and new duties are ours; another season of trial has opened for us, and new opportunities for good are before us; oh, guide us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Spirit, and let His light illumine our paths; let Him warm our hearts and animate our spirits that we may go forth to our work rejoicing in Thy holy comfort, and sustained by Thy strength. And do Thou go forth with us and all who are dear to us, with all who have ever partaken of our joys, or mixed their sorrows with ours. Give us all prayerful, trusting, patient spirits; turn our hearts from all error; remove from us all self confidence; humble us with a sense of our sins and weakness, and keep us all by Thy great power from every evil and sin. Let Thy name be spread far and wide; bless all who carry it with them as their watchword, whereoever they may be. Let truth abound in our land; let Thy gospel be preached faithfully and boldly, and give to the hearers of the word attentive ears, willing hearts; but, above all, enable them to apply the words spoken, lest it be as a sound of music, pleasant for the while, but forgotten ere its echo has died on the ear; and enable us to illustrate it in our lives and conversation, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

AGAIN, Lord, we come, to exercise Thy holy privilege, so graciously afforded, at the close of another week, and to seek Thy face and favor in Thy appointed way, for Thou wouldest have two or three to meet together, and hast promised to be in the midst of them, when, in our Saviour's name, they are so met. We thank Thee that Thou hast preserved us during that period of time; that Thou hast kept us from harm, and sheltered us from danger. We have not deserved so much mercy, such proofs of love at Thy hands; we have rather, by our sins and shortcomings, called for wrath and vengeance; we have dared condemnation, and sought, as it were, to waken Thine anger, and to ask destruction. But Thou art long suffering, in Thy goodness, not willing that any should perish; Thy mercies are new every morning, and each day if full of them; they are more in number than the hairs of our head; we cannot count them. Oh, make us to see, and to own them; and, by lives of holy obedience, to shew our sense of Thy great mercies and goodness. And do Thou, by Thy Holy Spirit, enable us to renew with faithfulness the acts we have done in the now closing week; to see our sins, in all their deformity, and, with humble penitence and prayer, to seek pardon; that pardon, without which no man can enter into Thy presence, or enjoy Thy favor, or see Thy glory. Yea, Lord, strengthen such one of us hereto, and make our sorrow godly, our repentance such as need not be repented of; and for Christ's sake, hear and bless us. Amen.

MORNING.

O HOLY Lord, our Maker, who didst, in mercy, ordain one day in seven, on which man might rest from his labor, leave this world, its business and pleasures, and turning to Thee; might rest all his cares upon his Saviour, who has undertaken to bear them, and make Thy law his pleasure and delight, hear us, now that we come unto Thee, with the dawn of another Sabbath, to ask Thy Spirit's aid, that we may be able this day to enter into Thy house with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise. Give us hearts to rejoice, with joy unfeigned, and full of comfort, because we can meet Thy worshiping people in the house of prayer, and kneel with them, and join in the holy petitions which embrace our wants, and set forth our many necessities, because we can ask from Thee all things good for us, and especially pardon and reconciliation, for we have sinned grievously and often, and cannot justify ourselves before Thee. Oh, let that Holy Spirit be a light to our understandings, in the services of this day; may He leave us not, nor forsake us, but guide us into the truth of Thy word which shall be read in our ears, and so seal it upon our hearts, that it may influence us in time and for eternity. Be pleased also mercifully to let Him be upon all who shall worship with us this day, that, our prayers ascending as one voice, may secure a more ready blessing, and that we may aid each other by our petitions, and feel the joy of a Sabbath spent in Thy service. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, our King and Goverror, accept we pray Thee the evening sacrifice, which we would now offer unto Thy divine Majesty, and pardon its weakness and insufficiency, for Christ's sake. Take out of our hearts every evil imagination and vain desire; let no impure thought, or foolish conceit enter in, to destroy its efficacy, but let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be now and alway acceptable in Thy sight. Thou art very gracious, and keepest mercy for thousands; grant that this day thousands, who have heard of Thee, to whose ears the truth, as it is in Jesus, hath been spoken, who have been in Thy house, and have bowed the knee to Thee, may have their consciences pricked, may feel that it is a fearful thing to disobey Thee and to break Thy law; may ponder the truths they have listened to, and falling on their knees in secret, ere they lie down to sleep, may pour out their heart's confession unto Thee, and with strong crying and prayer, seek pardon and reconciliation, favor and peace. And oh, make those who went into Thy house in faith, more faithful; confirm them more and more day by day; let Thy word bring forth continually more fruit, and be established in them, that Thy power may be seen, Thy grace acknowledged, and Thy glory magnified; and that many may indeed rejoice in Thee, Thy house, and day, and long for its return as a blessing. O Lord, graciously answer, for we come in our Saviour's name and plead his merits, and further ask in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, the God of the spirits of just men made perfect; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of the living not of the dead; look down from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and quicken us, who are dead in trespasses and sins, that Thou mayest be our God, and we Thy willing creatures; that we may no longer live obedient to the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof; that we may seek rather to be led by Thee, to have the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, to walk worthy of our vocation in Christ Jesus. Teach us, O Lord, by that Spirit all Thy ways; make us to know and love them; to forsake all crooked paths, and the companionship of the ungodly; to obey Thy heavenly precepts, and, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, to rejoice evermore in His most holy comfort; seeking from Him, as we shall assuredly find, our first profit, our chief pleasure, our greatest delight, and endeavoring to serve Thee, through Him, in righteousness and true holiness all the days of our life. Thou, Lord, canst effect this for us; we cannot do it for ourselves; our hands are feeble, our frames weak; we struggle in vain, unless armed by Thy Spirit, for our warfare is not with opposing flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world. Arm us, then, good Lord, and give us the victory, so shall we praise Thy glorious name, so shall our mouths tell of Thy wonders day by day, and our song be glory to Thee, and the Spirit, and the Lamb, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, eternal and invisible, who art above, as Thou wert before all things. Look down from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and see the barrenness of this land, the want of religion and truth which mark its every corner. Deceit prevails, because men love evil; iniquity, the offspring of deceit, abounds, and men go to and fro, after fancied pleasure, and thereby secure to themselves eternal misery and ruin. They will not be wise; oh, do Thou, in mercy, strive yet longer and more patiently with them, that they may turn and live, that they may learn to do well, may seek peace and ensue it. Yea, Lord, from the high to the low, wheresoever and whensoever we look, we see sin active, godliness forgotten; mammon sought, Thee forsaken; and yet Thou forbearest to punish; but, though sentence against the evil one is delayed, we know it will come, and, therefore, earnestly entreat Thee to awaken the sinner from his supposed secure slumber, from his ease; yea, Lord, rouse him; make him to hear Thy voice as thunder, crying "why will ye die,"—"flee from the wrath to come,"—"lay hold on eternal life," and then send Thy Spirit into his heart to dwell there, to keep him in the truth he has learned, to sustain him in the obedience of Thy law, and to guide him onward that he may not again stumble, but, firm in Christ, the Rock of his salvation, may dwell safely here and enjoy eternal felicity hereafter. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

OH, let our prayer ascend, most gracious Lord, as a pleasant savor, and as a morning sacrifice unto Thee; let the name of Thy dear Son plead on our behalf; let His death be our redemption, and our sins be blotted out in His blood; and may He ever dwell in us, and we in Him. Give us an abiding interest in His death; that we may begin, continue, and end all our works in Him; that He may be our Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. To Him we flee, at the opening of this day, for refuge and strength; from Him we would seek joy, which shall gladden and comfort us in our walk through it; support in all our doings during it; and a stay that we may not speak what our consciences would disapprove as its hours pass away. Make us ever to look to Him, even as the seaman keeps his eye on the compass, or the traveler on the evening star. May we, like the wise men of old, seek Him early; flee to Him quickly; and, when found, cleave to Him for time and for eternity. He is, indeed, our only Saviour; we own that in none else is safety, from none else can we draw comfort, or find deliverance. Aid us, O gracious Lord, as we would go, direct us in our going, and take away from us all deceitfulness of flesh and spirit, that we may walk worthy of our vocation in Him, and be lights in this world of sin and iniquity, and so accomplish our appointed task, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we Thy sinful creatures again seek Thy face, and ask Thy blessing. Bless us, Lord, in this and all our meetings for prayer; sanctify them to our soul's comfort; may they be means of grace to each here present, and to each who from time to time may join us in these our solemn meetings. May each and all find from them comfort and consolation, strength, and refreshment. To this end, teach us how to pray; make us earnest and sincere; not offering mere lip service, but heart-felt petitions, under a firm conviction that Thou art a God who hearest prayer, and that, whosoever would prosper in his doings, must so come unto Thee. O Lord, we would confess that Thou art a spirit, and that all who worship Thee must do so in spirit and in truth. Send them that Comforter, Thy Holy Spirit, into all our hearts, that He may teach us how to ask, and the things for which we ought to ask; and that He may make us to see our necessities, and Thy power, willingness, nay, desire to relieve them; keeping us humble, whilst confident, not relying on our own merits, but only on Those of our great Redeemer; not in the efficacy of our own prayers, however sincere they may be, or however frequent, but in the intercession of Him through whom we pray, even Jesus Christ, who, having ascended into heaven, now sitteth at Thy right hand, O God, a King and Prince for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

OUR God, our Creator, our Governor, our Lord, be ready to hear and answer us, for we come unto Thee as our reconciled God in Christ. We have need of many things; yea, of more than we know, for we search not our hearts aright, we do not endeavour to read them by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, we will not suspect them of the deceit which lurks in their every corner. But Thou, O Lord, knowest them altogether; Thou readest every secret design, and perceivest their thoughts long before we find them out. In mercy, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe to us more light, that we may know ourselves better than we do. Remove from us a vain spirit, by which we are too apt to be puffed up, while we are fools in Thy sight. Stay us from conceit and self-sufficiency, which must lead us, if indulged, into folly and sin. Let not the evil one pursuade us from that humility which was the chief feature in the life of our blessed Lord, and which marks His disciples as distinct from the children of this world. Strip us of the vain and filthy rags of self-righteousness in which even Thy children are too often tempted to clothe themselves, and give unto us the garment of self-abasement, so shall we walk in the light of Thy countenance; so may we hope for Thy favor; so can we seek Thee with a perfect heart, and long for Thy favor as better than life itself; and so may we hope to be conformed to our blessed Saviour our pattern and guide here, and to dwell with Him for ever in peace hereafter. Grant this, O Lord, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, everlasting and true, we, Thine unworthy servants come before Thee, with our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise; oh, grant that we come not with either hypocrisy or presumption; that we seem not to pray, whilst our hearts are far from Thee. We fear this, for though the flesh is weak, yet we know that our sin is not, therefore, inexcusable; because temptations come we must not flatter ourselves that, to yield to them is no error. Thou art not extreme to mark what is done amiss, but in mercy sparest the offender, giving him time to repent and turn unto Thee. Turn us, good Lord, and so shall we be turned; satisfy us with Thy likeness, and that soon; make us to rejoice in Thy service, and to seek it earnestly, as our best occupation, our most cheerful employment. And not only for ourselves, O Lord, but for others, grant this; for our dear friends and relatives; for those who are connected with us by any tie, especially those who worship with us on Thy Sabbaths in the house of prayer, those who meet to instruct the young, and to spread the knowledge of the truth whithersoever they may. Make them to be lights shining in this naughty world, examples of good, by following in our blessed Saviour's steps. Stay us all when evil comes nigh us, and then open our mouths to cry unto Thee for help, as men sorely beset with difficulty and dangers, so may we escape, so stand, and being safe, praise Thee for Thy goodness, and magnify Thy mercy more and more through Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our very God, lead us to Thyself we pray Thee; draw us by the cords of Thy mercy and love to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and let the Holy Spirit dwell among and with us, in His fulness, that we may walk in truth and safety through the crooked paths of life. We are indeed sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, therefore, we would most earnestly intreat Thee to help and deliver us. Remove from within each one of us the love of self which prevents our coming unto Thee; take away from us that pride which bars the entrance of Thy Spirit into our hearts; destroy that hankering for the pleasures of time, the vain follies of the world, in which we are all too wont to indulge; purify us from every unholy desire, and profitless thought; suffer us not to feed ourselves with the husks of worldly profit; but bless us with grace in the inner man, that we may all turn unto Thee with earnest and continual prayer for Thy blessing. We know that is not in man to order his goings; we admit and confess, that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; oh, enable us to find our sufficiency in Thee, and, as our blessed Lord sought Thee in his hours of sorrow and suffering, so let us try to flee unto Thee as our only Refuge, our only but sure Defence, our Guardian, and our Guide, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we thus and further pray unto Thee:—
Our Father

EVENING.

O LORD our God, we come unto Thee as sinners, for pardon; as lost, for direction; as miserable, for joy and peace. Oh, give to us, we beseech Thee, these Thy precious gifts. Seal our pardon with the blood of the Lamb; lead us in the way in which we ought to go, and teach us to rejoice in Thy holy name, whilst Thou givest to us Thy peace. But, Lord, we know that, to obtain these things, we must be contrite, sorry for our sins, and determined to lead a new life. Since then it is Thy gift, and only Thine, we pray Thee earnestly to give unto us a repentance not to be repented of; a holy trust in Thy mercy and goodness; a full reliance on Thee, as not only able but willing to save to the uttermost all those who come unto Thee in Jesus. And we come in that name, we trust Him, and we would have Him our Advocate with Thee. Oh, let the illuminating influence of the Holy Spirit direct all our steps, that we may be led into all truth, and hold it in godly sincerity to our lives' end. And shew to us the folly, the vanity of earthly things; enable us to see how unequal the pleasures of life and time are to the cravings of immortal spirits, that we may turn from our folly of time past; that we may no longer seek to rejoice in things of this world, and to find peace here, but that we may cast ourselves into the arms of Thy mercy, and find our peace there, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O HOLY, eternal, and invisible Lord God, Thou Ruler of the Universe, look upon us Thy humble servants who now call upon Thee in Thy dear Son's name, and bless us. We desire Thy fatherly protection this day; we need Thine assistance in the things whereunto we may be called; we feel that we can do nothing but sin unless Thine especial grace prevent and follow us. O Lord, be with us as we go forth, and accompany us, whithersoever we go. Let Thy Holy Spirit guide our feet, and direct us into the right way; let Thy mercy overshadow us; and Thy truth shine in and from us. Preserve us from all evil, from all sickness, and from every kind of danger. Suffer us not to yield to the temptations by which we may be surrounded, nor let our own evil passions or desires gain a mastery over us. Make us to remember how often and how easily we have fallen aforetime; how quickly sin overtook us, and how sadly we then felt its awful consequences; and let not our hearts be hardened, though we have sinned again and again. But give us a sincere repentance, and pardon all our misdoings. And let this day witness to us, and to Thee, that we are Thy disciples; that we would walk according to our own vocation in Christ Jesus; that we would obey the Holy Spirit's dictates, and so pass the time of our sojourning here on earth, that we may finally rest with Thee in heaven, the redeemed of Thy Son, our Saviour, and God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD almighty, Thou who searchest the heart, and knowest what is in man, look upon us who now come before Thee, and bless us. Give us the preparation of a right heart; renew a right spirit within us; take away from us the love of sin which rules in our members; that craving after vanity which prevents the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit within us. Shew to us how earnestly we must strive against the evil influences of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Convince us that we must be constantly on our guard, and constantly doing, if we would be Thy disciples, if we would prosper in this our day, and generation. Set before us the unceasing work of Jesus, whilst he sojourned here on earth; how He rested not, when He could be doing His Father's business; how He went about doing good, displaying His love, and His almighty power, which chiefly delighted in exercising that love. Turn us, O good Lord, turn us from our evil ways, and shew to us the right ways. Let our eyes no longer delight in the vain shows of earth, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world; suffer not our hands to be busied in things which cannot profit our souls, nor our hearts to be engaged and set upon possessions, which can never satisfy the cravings of immortal spirits. But enable us to remember why we were made, why redeemed, and why the Sanctifier is given unto us, that we might so pass through things temporal, as finally not to lose the things eternal. Grant this to each of us, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion on all men, and who hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, look down, we beseech Thee, upon us, miserable sinners, who, conscious of our sins and infirmities, of our evil inclinations and desires, and our too frequent indulgence in them, would now confess our folly and wickedness unto Thee. Oh, give us pardon for the past, blot out our offences of old time, remember not our sins and iniquities, but give us grace and strength to support us for the time to come, that we may go and sin no more. Teach us to understand that now is the accepted time, now the day of salvation, and give us power to seize upon it, to use it, and make it ours. Yea, Lord, grant that this may be a day of salvation to each of us, that we may henceforth walk more worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called than we have hitherto done; and that we may, for the rest of our lives, love Thee more and serve Thee better than heretofore. And lighten, we beseech Thee, the darkness of many who will not know Thee, who refuse to walk in Thy ways, who love the world, and seek for worldly things. Oh, make the light of Thy blessed Gospel to shine upon them; convince them of their error; shew to them their sins, and the saving health of Thy grace, and bring them, together with us to the foot of the cross as lowly disciples of our crucified Redeemer, Jesus, our Advocate with Thee now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, great and gracious, King of kings, and Lord of lords, by whom all things were made, and in whom do all consist, to Thee would we now offer our undivided praises, our humble thanksgivings for all Thy many mercies vouchsafed unto us. We would magnify Thy glorious name, O Lord; we would tell of all Thy wondrous works; we would declare Thy might, Thy majesty, Thy love and truth, and we would sing of Thy mercies day by day. To Thee would we offer ourselves and all we possess, dedicating all to Thy service, and employing all to Thy honor and glory. O Lord, enable us so to do; in Thy mercy, and of Thy goodness, O God, keep us in all things as Thou wouldest have us be; and grant that neither in thought, word, or deed, we blaspheme Thy name, nor work aught which is not agreeable to Thy will and law. We must own, though we too often trust to ourselves, that all our thoughts are evil, and that every imagination of our heart is sin. Purify us, oh, purify many, we beseech Thee, and let Thy light so shine in and through us, that we may all be blessed instruments in Thine hands to turn others from the evil of their ways unto Thee, the Lord their God. Establish us now, good Lord, in a firm unwavering faith in Thy dear Son; make us to see Him, and to trust to Him in time and for eternity; oh, suffer us not for one moment to doubt, but let our thoughts be of Thee in Him, as our reconciled Father, and these things grant, we pray Thee, for His sake, O Lord, our very God Amen.

MORNING.

THY voice, O Lord, crieth unto us in another Sabbath's dawn; Thou biddest us, in its light, to remember the Author of all light, and to seek from Thee blessings which Thou art this day more especially ready to bestow on every anxious seeker. It is Thine own day. Oh, engrave that solemn truth on the heart of each one of us, and in its strength lead us to Thy courts. Give us ready feet to enter into the holy place where Thou lovest to meet Thy praying people; increase their number and give to us all more diligence and humility in our prayers. Make us to love them as precious privileges; as means of grace; as holy boons, vouchsafed by mercy, and used by wisdom; for only the fool neglects to pray, or utters words of vanity, because his heart goes not with the petitions of his lips. Oh, preserve us from such sin; let us not be numbered with the hypocrites, seeming only to men to pray, but unheard by Thee, the Answerer of prayer. Endue Thy ministers, especially him who is set over us to watch for our souls, with wisdom from on high. Let the illuminating influence of Thy Holy Spirit guide them; open their mouths to speak, clearly, boldly, effectually, the word which they shall hear at Thy mouth, and convince many hearers this day. Make it to us a Sabbath indeed; a rest from all worldly care, and anxiety; let no thought of vanity or love of pleasure interfere with our entire devotion to Thee, but give us the spirit which was in Christ, who went about His Father's business, and for His sake, hear us. Amen.

EVENING.

IT is nearly closed, O Lord; another Sabbath's sun has set upon us, and the rest of another night invites us. Oh, lead us, we pray Thee, ere we take that rest, to ask ourselves, each one as in the presence of his God, in whose sight we are—am I nearer to heaven than when this morning dawned, or has a neglected or misused day brought me nearer to destruction? Alas, we must own, with sad hearts, that we have not altogether used this day as Thine. Pardon, good Lord, and deliver us. Look with pity upon the thousands in our land, nay, of our fellow townsmen, who have lived this day as if life were their own, and Thou wert not. Let Thy Spirit strive yet more and more with us; let His all-powerful aid be ours, and give us hearts open to His rich and abundant influence. May we be enabled to remember the instruction we have this day heard; to ponder over it; to try to bring it into practise; to make it a rule of life. And may we henceforth love Thy word better than we have done; may we take it more frequently into our hands, and study it with more attention. May we be led to see it as our guide, corrector, instructor; as our best rule of life and conduct; as Thy merciful gift to erring man, to show him what Thou wouldest have him be, conformed to the great pattern and example of all, Jesus Christ. O grant these things, we beseech Thee, for the love Thou bearest to Him and for His sake, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS Lord, Thou who keepest mercy for thousands and tens of thousands who call upon Thee, hear us, miserable sinners, and remember not our offences, neither the offences of our forefathers; visit us not according to our sins, nor reward us after our iniquities, but be merciful unto us; pardon our transgressions, blot out our misdeeds, and let them not stand against us. Look with an eye of pitying love on all who are bound with the chain of sin, who live for this world, its vanities and its follies; who seek riches, and honors, that they may be called great and happy; take from them this strong delusion; make them to see the pleasures of the world as they are, short lived, and unsatisfying; and lead them to think on the hour of death, when all here shall be as nothing; passing away as a mist, when the sun ariseth. And lead them to look yet further, to the day of judgment, when every deed, and word, and thought, shall be a living witness at the bar where the Judge sitteth. Yea, Lord, lead us all, in mercy, to reflect on that hour and day, that, perchance we may be awakened from our mad dream of thoughtlessness and sin, and no longer trust to our youth, or health, or strength, which may be ours no longer than to-day, it may be, not even so long. Draw us unto Thyself by the strong cords of Thy love; for Christ's sake be merciful unto us, and bless us, and give us an unwavering faith, a living hope, and keep us in all our doings now and evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, who hast taught Thy people by precept and example; who hast ever set before them Thy truth and Thy requirements in such plain words and form that he who runs may read; so enlighten our understandings and hearts that we may be able to perceive and know the things that Thou wouldest have us do. Set before us more especially the example of our blessed Saviour, that He may be our pattern in all things. Give us that activity in Thy service which made Him dedicate His day to Thy business, and His night to prayer. In all our sufferings, support us by the spirit of obedience to Thy will which He evidenced, and let our extremest hour shew forth such love as His displayed, when He interceded for those who wrought his agony and procured His death. Teach us how to go about, not boasting of ourselves, or trusting to ourselves, but with such humility as His every act displayed, that we may remember, in whatever situation we be placed, whose we are and to whom we must account for the high thought, the vain conceit, the fools' boast, in worldly wisdom, strength, or possessions. Enable us to lie down this night as if we were not to rise again until the trumpet should call us into judgment. Let this be our last thought ere our limbs press our bed—"I may never leave it again in life, but I know that my Redeemer liveth, therefore will I rejoice." Oh, give us that rejoicing, for that Redeemer's sake, we pray Thee, Lord, and bless each one of us by such holy confidence. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, our Maker and Preserver, be amongst us now, we pray Thee, and bless each one of us in our meeting. Time is passing rapidly away; shortening days, and hours of gloom tell us of life's departure. Thickly and fast the leaves are falling around; the breeze carries them to and fro, and they speak in our ears, as they rustle past, the still small voice of Thee our Creator, saying—Prepare to meet Thy God. All things warn us to set our house in order; to gird up our loins, and to be ready to depart from this scene of our pilgrimage. And yet we neglect to do these things; we delay, as if a long future were before us; we surround ourselves with comforts, as though our chief joy was to be here; and we live unprepared for that which may be now at hand to any one of us, the judgment. Oh, prepare us, good Lord, for we cannot do it of ourselves; we cannot overcome our stubborn wills, our hearts will not bow to human agency. It is Thine, O God, to renew, as Thou didst create, the things of Thine hands. Give us new spirits, new hearts, new affections, new desires. Lead us to Thee, by Christ our Saviour. Fit us for the solemn but sure change which awaits us all, and all near and dear to us, friends and relations, wheresoever they may be. Let not Thy providential warnings be any longer unheeded; Thy visitations any more disregarded, but enable us to profit by them all; to mark them as from Thee, and by prayer to seek to apprehend the truths they would teach, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, the fountain of all good things, from whom doth spring every perfect and holy gift, enable us so to thirst after Thee, that we may come to partake and be satisfied. Thy invitation is great and general; Thou regardest not the children of men, for whosoever thirsteth and will come unto Thee, may drink, may partake of the waters of life freely. Lead us, O Lord, to feel our thirst, the necessity we are under, if we would live hereafter, to drink of the well-spring of salvation whilst here. Take away from us that coldness and indifference about spiritual things, which make us so deaf to Thy warnings, so heedless of Thy mercies, so regardless of our own welfare for eternity; which hinder us from knowing our wants, and so coming for a supply to their only source, even our God and Saviour. Shew us how earnestly Thou desirest us to come; how Thou art long-suffering, because not willing that any should perish; and how Thou makest us a way to escape every threatening evil and temptation, and to flee to Thee through Christ, the living way. Let us no longer tarry, no longer delay; let us remember Thy message is present, for the future is not ours, but Thine; and in the future no one can repent or come. Oh, draw us now by the cords of Thine eternal love; accept us now through Thy mercy in Christ Jesus; pour upon us of Thy Holy Spirit as water upon thirsty ground, and preserve every member of this household by that Spirit, for Christ's sake, our God and Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, according to Thy good pleasure, we are again assembled in Thy dear Son's name; we have again met to pray to, and to praise Thee. We would, with all humility of soul and body, with minds pressed down by a knowledge of the weight of our sins and iniquities, ask for pardon at Thy hands, and for that peace which only Thou canst give. O Lord, look upon us now, we beseech Thee; vouchsafe to us such a measure of Thy grace as may enable us to know more perfectly what we ought to do, and how to please and serve Thee with quiet minds. We feel the constant pressure of temptations from without, and within, those warrings of the flesh which bring the spirit into subjection. O Lord, the law of sin in our members is strong and overcoming; daily, hourly, we sin against Thee, if not by deeds or words, in thoughts and desires. Pardon, we pray Thee, these our transgressions, give us strength to repent of our sins past, to unburden our souls unto Thee, and to rest on Thee for a remission of our offences, for Thy dear Son's sake. We know that Thou art full of compassion; that Thou wouldest not that any should perish; that Thou hast made a way of escape for all; and we would trust Thy mercy and Thy love. But, whilst we trust Thee, suffer us not to presume, but, with watching and prayer, enable us to pursue our course, and perfect it in Thy good time, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our very God, help us, in mercy, to pray unto Thee; open our hearts, by Thy Spirit, that we may approach Thee with the fervor of earnest desire; and overshadow us by Thy wings, that no evil overtake us as we kneel before Thee. We are Thine by every tie that can bind man, for Thou hast created, Thou hast redeemed, and Thou dost preserve us. Thou openest Thine hand, and we receive Thy blessings. Oh, that we could praise Thee for Thy goodness, that we could declare Thy will and walk in Thy way; oh, that we could feel that Thou art gracious, and that we could shew forth our sense of Thy loving kindness in our lives. Rouse us, good Lord, rouse us; let us no longer slumber in indifference, nor rest in fancied security; suffer no vain delusion to possess us, no evil passion to gain a mastery over us; but turn us from the love of this world, to Thee, the Lord our God. Make this house a temple dedicated to Thee, where a willing service shall ever be done, and let prayer and praise daily sanctify this place. We ask this not only in our own time, and for ourselves, but through all time, and for all who shall ever enter to dwell here. Thine it is, oh, keep it, and us Thine, for ever. Yea, Lord, we would contend for a blessing upon it, we would pray for all who inhabit it, and for those yet to come, that when we go hence others may take up the same strain, and with their hearts say, as we now would—Glory, honor and power be unto our God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, gracious and true, who requirest truth in the inmost parts, and who readest the hearts and not the countenances of Thy creatures; who judgest not as men judge, enable us to walk before Thee in the land of the living. Look upon Thy servants, whom Thou hast formed; see how frail and weak they are; how utterly without strength to accomplish any good thing, and strengthen them to obey Thy will, to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness. Be with us this day; may we regard it as a talent of Thine, put into our hands to be used in Thy service; may we improve it to our soul's benefit, and have the happy consciousness granted to us of walking according to Thy holy laws, not with slavish fear, but in loving obedience. May we go on our way rejoicing, knowing whom we serve; not one who can deceive us; not a Master who can forget what His servants do; not a King who asks more than His subjects can perform; but One who is not extreme to mark what is done amiss, if we only come in Christ's name, and relying on His merits to supply our deficiency. Hear us then, we most humbly beseech Thee, for His sake, and enable us to use the hours of this day, if we may be spared to its close, in such manner, that when we assemble at that time, we may with sincerity thank Thee for Thy gift of it, knowing that it has not been spent in vain, and so become our condemnation, but that it has been indeed blessed to us. Oh, hear us, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, most merciful, O God, most gracious, Thou hast preserved us through another day, Thou hast allowed us to live through its hours in peace and safety; we thank Thee for this mercy, we praise Thee for this new proof of Thy love, and we would ascribe it to Thy grace, most unmerited by us, that we are now safe, and left with an opportunity to seek Thee in the silence and quiet of our own chambers. Go with us there, we pray Thee, and govern our thoughts by Thy Holy Spirit. Make us to remember how our blessed Lord spent His nights; not in the mere enjoyment of sleep; not in His body's refreshment, but in secret communings with Thee, and lead us into His steps; set before us His example, in all its fullness, and purity; and so influence us, that we may endeavor in all things to follow Him; for He knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, and His only work was to do Thine, His and our Father s will. May we be like minded, and may Thy Spirit be our Director, taking of the things of God and shewing them unto us. We pray not only for ourselves, but for others; may this night be one of comfortable rest to all the sick and afflicted among our fellow creatures; may they all, in it, be led to think much of Thee, to see Thy fatherly hand chastening and correcting them, for their sins, and thus endeavouring to bring them unto Thee; and by the suffering and pain we witness around us, may we learn yet more to wean ourselves from the world, and to cleave more entirely to Thee in Christ, our Advocate, and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who speakest to man out of the secret chamber of his own heart, and callest up Thy witness, conscience, to rebuke him under sin and to stay him from it, when temptation arises, give us hearing ears, to hear that voice; give us diligent attention, to listen for it, that it may never speak in vain; that we may be ready to obey its call, and dictates, lest, having spoken often, it shall cease to speak; having warned often, it shall no more utter its sound, but leave us in the deadness of silence which we have chosen for ourselves; in the path of destruction in which we have loved to walk. Yea, Lord, make us to understand Thine exceeding great love in thus dealing with us; make us to feel Thine unbounded and unmerited mercy, in that Thou hast promised never to leave nor forsake us; and to know, that, when we are separated from Thee, it is our own act, when Thou art not nigh, it is our own doing. Mercy embraceth us on every side; but because we are set to do evil continually, therefore, we will not trust that mercy; love calls, whispers, pursuades, but, because we are corrupt, therefore, we despise, we will not prove that love; Thou askest us to come, but we refuse, though it be only to see if Thou art not gracious. Lord, teach us better things; Lord, enlighten us to see a better course; to learn our own interest, our eternal welfare, of whom it is, and whence it comes; and lead us, by Thy Spirit, unto our Saviour, Jehovah Jesus, our only hope and comfort; our Advocate now and ever with Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Jehovah, Thou art a jealous God; Thou hast so declared Thyself unto us; Thou wilt not have Thine honor given to another, nor the service which Thou demandest, and which is due to Thee, even divided. We must give to Thee our whole heart and affections, and whomsoever we love, or whatsoever we do, must all be in subservience to Thee. We thank Thee that Thou hast revealed this truth unto us; we bless Thy holy name that Thou hast so plainly set before us the way of salvation; the works which we must do, if we would attain unto everlasting life. Lord, strengthen us, that we may be able to bring our knowledge into action; that we may think such things as are pleasing to Thee, and perform the same with zeal, and holy resolution; that we may be diligent in our various duties; faithful, honest, true; that we may aid each other in our Christian walk, by counsel and encouragement; that we may press forward toward the prize of the high calling which we have in Christ Jesus, and may adorn the doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things. Thou, Lord, knowest our need; Thou seest all our necessities; all our wants are better known to Thee than to ourselves; teach them to us, we pray Thee, and lead us to Thyself, that they may be supplied; that we may find comfort, and support in all trials; relief in all our necessities, and be ever ready to ascribe the glory to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, most High, who art above, as Thou wert before, all, mercifully look now upon Thy creatures who are here met together, in Thy dear Son's name, to ask of Thee such good things as they need. O Lord, supply us, we pray Thee, with all things necessary for our bodily sustenance; give us such food as may be good for us, and restrain us in the use thereof; make us to feel and know that every thing we have is from Thee, that though man may sow and labor, it is Thou only who givest the increase; and, lead us, in this spirit, to partake of Thy gifts with thankful hearts; sitting down to our meals, with a prayer upon our lips, that Thou wouldest bless to us the food taken, and rising therefrom with the voice of praise and thanksgiving. So may we learn, whether we eat, or whether we drink, to do all to Thy glory, for Thou wouldest be glorified in whatsoever we do, since we are Thine. And, though the gift may be to us, O Lord, we may lose the power to enjoy it. Oh, preserve us from this suffering, this visitation; more especially preserve us, that we do not, by our own follies, our own perverseness or sin, tempt Thee so to visit us; but lead us to partake of Thy gifts in moderation, with the natural enjoyment with which Thou hast endowed us, only. And accept our hearty thanksgivings for past mercies; for Thine abundant goodness to us; Thine unceasing love towards us. Yea, Lord, hear us, as we offer them with these our petitions. in sincerity through Christ, our Redeemer and our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we come before Thee, as humble supplicants, acknowledging that our wants are many, and that our power is feeble, and asking Thy pardon and forgiveness for the sins which have blotted the record of our now closing week. We have indeed offended Thee often, and grievously during its continuance; and we have lived as if time were ours, and eternity were not; as if death would wait our bidding, and Thy will obey our pleasure. And yet, Lord, how often hast Thou proved to us that it is not so. We have lost friends, relations, acquaintance by a sudden call; we have seen the young taken away, and the middle aged carried to the grave; we have known the drunkard in the midst of his reveling; the liar, with his falsehood on his lips, called to his account, to receive the sentence of condemnation which he purchased for himself. We have, from time to time, seen persons of all ranks, ages, and circumstances go down to the grave; and we have been deaf to the language Thou didst thereby speak to us; we have heeded not the merciful warning. O Lord, grant that it be so no longer; wake our slumbering consciences; arouse us from our sleep, and bid us, ere another week quite close upon us, to arise, and seek from Christ our rest. This night, O gracious Lord, do the work, that we may be fitted on the morrow to go into Thy courts; not self-deluded, not resting on any merit in our service, but as self-abased sinners seeking a Saviour, to plead for us with an offended God; and hear us for that Saviour's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast blessed us with many blessings; O God Thou hast preserved us in many dangers, and Thine own arm has been stretched forth in great mercy, for we are alive and well this morning. We are permitted to meet in Thy dear Son's name; we are allowed to approach Thee, by His mediation, and to rejoice in His holy comfort. Oh, make our souls to rejoice indeed; open our eyes to see the extent of Thy love, the overflowing abundance of Thy grace, by which we are surrounded and have been kept. We cannot learn it of ourselves; we cannot know it by sense, or human faculty, but Thou canst shew it to us. It is from Thee, and to Thee we seek, O Lord. Oh, let not any evidence escape us whereby our souls may perceive more fully Thy bounty, or appreciate Thy favors. Permit not the things of time and sense to cloud our faculties; allow not pleasure to excite, or business to absorb us; but draw our minds and hearts in cheerful desire to Thee; make Thy law pleasant unto us; Thy word to become our delight. Let each day, as it adds to our age, add to our love; and on this Thine own day, do Thou more especially work Thine own work in us, that we may go into Thy courts with joy; that we may seek Thy presence and find Thy favor; that we may, with heart and spirit, unite in the prayers and praises which Thy saints shall there offer unto Thee, and then return to our homes rejoicing in Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD most holy, everlasting, and true, we approach Thee in humble confidence, for Thy grace has vouchsafed us another Sabbath, and Thy love has again called to us in accents sweet and cheering. We have once more been permitted the heavenly privilege to join our worshiping fellow creatures in prayers and praises to Thine honor and for our good; we have met together in Thy dear Son's name, and His gospel has sounded in our ears; blessed promises have been repeated, holy warnings have been uttered; love and mercy have blent with judgment and justice, and we are inexcusable, O Lord, if we still go on in sin, and yield to temptation. For Jesus Christ's sake strive with us yet longer; O Lord, deliver us from the bands of sin which still hold us; loosen the heavy chains which bear us down to earth, and will not let our spirits rise to Thee, our God. Take away from things of time their glittering show; banish from pleasure its deceitful glare; open our eyes to see all wordly objects by the light of Thy Spirit, to read ourselves under His teaching; and cheer us as we move onward to the grave. Bless all and each of this household, O Lord, in an especial manner; young or old, master or servant, bless us, and keep us, and prosper us; shew us Thy way, and lead us in the right way; and give us grace to put our trust now and always in Thee, for our trust is in Thee; and under the shadow of Thy wings to make our refuge. Oh, grant these things for Jesus Christ's sake, our God and Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our Maker and Governor, who hast formed us to dwell with Thee in happiness unending, and hast made a way for us to eternal bliss in Jesus Christ, enable us we pray Thee, to come by that way, and so to find rest and peace. The world, O Lord, still lieth in wickedness; the men of the world love vanity, and talk lies; they deceive with their lips, and their actions deny the truth. And we love to mix with them; we fear their laugh and sneer, more than Thy wrath and indignation; because we resist the strivings of Thy Spirit and will none of Thy counsels. Oh, bear with us, we beseech Thee; yet a little longer suffer us, and let Thy Holy Spirit strive more and more to break our stony hearts; may He set before us the terrors of an offended God, an insulted Judge. If mercy will not tempt and draw us, let judgment, staring us in the face, drive us to self meditation, to serious enquiry, and anxious thought. Let not sin prevail over us, but send all Thy temporal visitations, if they be needed, to make us Thine; to insure to us a portion with the blessed in the mansions of eternal rest. Teach us that, amid all the sorrows of life, none can sting like a wounded, none overwhelm like a sin oppressed, spirit. In mercy hear, and for Christ's sake, help us, that Thy blessing may be upon our home, that Thou mayest be the stay of our house, that Thou mayest be our Keeper and our Defender, and that Christ may be our reward, and the Spirit our Guide, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast in mercy spoken to man from the earliest times by Thy Holy Prophets and Apostles; who hast inspired them to proclaim to all nations Thy will, and Thy law to all people; give us grace to listen to that will and to obey that law. Make us obedient to all its precepts; take away from us, if we harbor it, that fatal delusion which leads man to rest satisfied with a general observance, under a forgetfulness, that Thou requirest every thought to be brought into subjection to the law of Christ; teach us that the indulgence of one sin will bring us sure condemnation, will be as certainly followed by eternal death, as the commission of many; make us to remember that, whilst it is written, "Thou shalt do no murder," the same word, Thy law, proclaims that "all liars shall be cast into the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone," and that we are told also, "the thought of wickedness is sin." Write these sayings, O merciful God, on the heart of each of us; yea, write them, on our memories, that we may eschew evil, and try to do well; that we may daily more and more seek Thine aid, Thy comforting Spirit to direct and strengthen us; that we may press forward boldly, unaffected by our fellows, who would draw us by flattering deceits, or drive us by ridicule; and that we may have our eye fixed on our Saviour, our hearts set on Him, our affections His. Oh, hear us for His sake, and let His merits stand for us, now, that we may be secure. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our Lord, Thou art exceeding great; Thy power is boundless, Thy might infinite, and all things, save man, obey Thy will. The seasons follow in their courses, as Thou hast ordained; seed time and harvest succeed each other; day and night take their appointed place, and the stars know their time for shining. But man, the master-piece of creation; man, the image of his Maker; man, the redeemed of God, runs riot of his own will, breaks Thy divine law, follows strange devices, and heeds Thee not. He never marks the rebukes of obedient nature; he will not be warned by the mute witnesses of Thy majesty; he will not see Thy finger in the visible creation, nor Thy providence in his own life. Passion and prejudice gain a mastery, and he bows their willing slave. O Lord, waken us from so sad a state of iniquity; let the thunders of Thy voice loose the slumber of indifference which binds us, and give to us attentive ears, and ready understandings, that we may perceive and know Thy will, and walk henceforth in Thy way. Call us, with each day's early dawn, into Thy presence with supplication; let the midday beam witness our adoration, and each night's return find us bent before Thee with humble prayer. Yea, Lord, teach us in every hour to give witness that we are Thy disciples; to proclaim in every act that Christ reigns in us, and to rejoice more and more daily in Thy holy comfort. And by Thy spirit guide us in the way everlasting, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Father, in whose hands are the spirits of Thy creatures, and who wouldest direct them with all a Father's care, we beseech Thee to take ours into Thine especial guidance; subdue them, if they rise in anger, malice, pride, or presumption, and lead us to look upon the example our blessed Lord, the lowly Jesus, has set us. Make us to see Him reviled, but silent; rebuked, but without a reply; buffeted, yet standing patiently; murdered, and speaking only in prayer. Yea, Lord, open our eyes to see His wondrous example in all its beauty and fulness; complete and perfect, from His earliest years to His closing scene on Calvary; and then influence us by Thy Holy Spirit to walk in the blessed steps of that His most holy life; give us His patience, His perseverance in well doing; give us to look only for Thine approval; to seek only Thy favor; to do only Thy work; for so shall we secure to ourselves now, joy, and comfort, and hope, and at the last, peace, and endless happiness. So shall we walk through this valley of the shadow of death, yet fearing no evil, dreading no danger, Thou being our rod and staff, and knowing that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Endue us with that gift, divine love; implant in us holy desires; teach us to set our affections on things above; to labor earnestly and continually that we attain to eternal life. Hear us, O gracious Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, eternal, omnipresent, whose eye beholdeth us, even to our most secret thoughts, accept us, we pray Thee, in this our morning's service, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Set before us our state here; the iniquity in which we lie; the sinfulness of our nature; the corruption of our hearts; our constant inclination to evil, by wandering thoughts, as well as by wicked deeds. Let the light of Thy Holy Spirit beam so brightly upon us, that we may see the path of salvation; that we may cease to do evil, and learn to do well; that we may seek peace and ensue it. We know that, whilst we continue in sin, we have no peace; that its pleasure is but for a moment, and then cometh fear, lest detection overtake us, lest our sin find us out. Is it not so now, O Lord; are we harboring no deceit towards either Thee or our fellow-men; is there no cunning device in which we are busy, no plot in which we are engaged. Oh, make us to remember that Thine eye seeth us, and Thine ear heareth our secret desire, unwhispered though it be to man. Make us to know that we are selling our own souls, and buying misery to eat us as a canker; and stay us in our rashness. Let Thy mercy stay us, we beseech Thee, and let us not witness against each other at the last day that we asked for peace, and would not have it; that we called for strength and would not use it; for pardon, and would not repent to secure it, but give us hearts to work with Thee in all things, so shall no deceit come nigh us or hurt us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS Lord God, who showest Thyself to Thy creatures in various ways, by Thy providential dealings with the sons of men, but more especially in acts of mercy and love, open our blind eyes, we beseech Thee, to see Thy guiding hand in every event of life, and loosen our fast tongues, that we may proclaim Thy overruling power, and tell of Thy wonders day by day. Oh, make us ever to praise Thee for Thy goodness, shewn to us in preservation from dangers, in Thy gift of health, strength, and the bodily sustenance which Thou hast hitherto vouchsafed to us. Lord, we have received these gifts, we have used and enjoyed them, but, alas! we have too often forgotten the Giver; we have neglected to turn ourselves by even one thought to Thee. And yet we would now ask Thee, in mercy, and in great pity, to continue them to us; to renew them day by day; to give more strength to those of us who need it; to preserve it unto those who now enjoy the full blessing; and to keep us all from serious sickness and sudden death. Enable us so to know what is good for us, that we may seek only such things, and rejoice in their possession. And, whilst we receive the benefit, let Thy Spirit so dwell in us, that we may ever bear in mind how much we owe to Thee for it; more than we can acknowledge, much more than we can ever repay. And accept now our unfeigned and heartfelt thanks for Thy past mercies, which we would own to have been purchased for us by our blessed Redeemer; for His sake, our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

WE would now come before Thee, O Lord, in the name of our only Redeemer and Saviour; hear us, we pray Thee, and answer for His sake. Look upon us, as a small household; bless us by Thy grace and continual presence; be Thou ever with us, wheresoever we go, and whatsoever we do; when we rise to the duties of another day, as we have by Thy mercy now done, give us strength to perform them; the desire to do all with diligence and perseverance. Make us to feel, throughout its hours, that Thou seest us, knowing what we can do, and how much of our power and ability we waste by indifference or carelessness. Let us not forget that nothing is hid from Thine all searching eye; and that, we must all one day account to Thee for our talents, be they what they may, many or few. Look upon us in our various relations, and give us thankful hearts, contented dispositions, abiding Thy time, and earnestly seeking Thee, with fervent prayer. Bless all dear to us, whether near or afar off; give them a pure love of Thee; a saving knowledge of Thy ways and commandments. Train them, together with us, as Thine own children, beloved in Christ; that whether in sickness or health, adversity or prosperity, or in whatsoever worldly trial, we may feel there is one over us, who careth for us, who will guard and protect us; by whom every hair of our head is numbered, and who would not that any should perish; and that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that finally we lose not the things which are eternal. Oh, grant this for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, who hast been graciously pleased to reveal Thy will to man, and to make known Thy way in the Holy Scriptures, to write it in language so very plain that the most ignorant may understand, if they will only apply to Thee for that light, by which only can the things of God be spiritually discerned, be pleased to open our eyes, to see the truths which those Scriptures contain, and our hearts to receive them. Give us a due sense of their value and importance, that we may search for them as hid treasure, and, having found, may keep them as pearls of great price, which nought earthly may taint, nor anything impure may come nigh. And, Lord, grant, for Jesu's sake, that, as He went about doing good, by the power which was in Him, so we, having learned Thy law, may teach others; may speak of Thy wonders day by day, and lead others to seek, and so find like treasures. Prosper, we earnestly beseech Thee, the labors of all who engage in the holy work of bringing up the young in the nurture and admonition of Thee. Teach them that they may be enabled to teach others, so that many may be daily made, through their instrumentality and Thy blessing, wise unto salvation. And increase the number of such teachers, that the time may be hastened when the knowledge of Thee shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Make Thy word food which the people may like; give all a hearty desire for it, and especially give it to us in this land that it may be preached faithfully, and followed effectually, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, most high, O Lord, most holy, Thou eternal and gracious God, receive us and bless us in this our meeting, for Jesus Christ's sake. Yea, Lord, look graciously upon us in this and all our gatherings together to worship Thee. We need Thine aid, and Thine arm to strengthen and support us; we need Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify us for the work, and we need a Saviour's interceding power to make our prayer available with Thee. And all these are ours, if we ask for them believing. Oh, give us believing hearts, and pure spirits; endue us with patience, and all those christian graces and virtues which shall evidence to the world that we have not merely a name to live, but that we are living indeed, walking before Thee in righteousness and true holiness all the days of our life. Remove from us every evil passion and desire; subdue every angry feeling; all pride, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord. Shew to us the beauty of agreement, such agreement as knits man together in one holy desire to do all things to Thine honor and glory. Suffer not the love of self to interfere, and to draw us away from that straight forward path which Jesus trod, from those duties which He fulfilled, and in doing which he was setting us an example what to do. But turn us from our natural love of sin, of worldly pleasure, of the things of time and sense, and receive us for the love Thou bearest to Thine own dear Son, our Advocate with Thee now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, to whom mercy belongeth; Thou, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, look favorably upon us, who now seek Thee, in Thy dear Son's name, and who would, through Him, find Thy favor, and obtain a blessing. We walk through this vale of tears too often discontented; we pass the time of our sojourning here in life dissatisfied, and too greatly disquieted, because we remember not the design Thou hadst in our creation, nor the object for which we are placed here. Oh, do Thou teach us that we are placed in this world as a scene of trial; that we are to consider life as a great means by which we may attain to immortality. Shew to each of us the necessity we are under, if we would be Thine, and dwell with Thee hereafter, to learn how to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling; convince us that ours is the work, and that Thou wilt work with us, if we only so work as Thou desirest. Place us in the right path, good Lord, and let Thy Spirit accompany us, to lighten our way; and go Thou with us, whithersoever we turn. When we rise up, shield us against the temptations which each day's converse with the world brings upon us; and as we lie down, oh, spread the wings of Thy protecting goodness over us, that we may be safe. And let our closing petitions this night be earnest and sincere, for more strength, more grace, more faith to run the race that is set before us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST holy Lord and God, we Thine unworthy servants, brought, by Thy merciful protection, to the beginning of another day, would now offer unto Thee ourselves, our souls, and bodies, a reasonable, a lively sacrifice unto Thee. But, Lord, we have before done this, and then gone forth, forgetting Thee, and walking as if we would not have Thee for our God. Oh, pardon us, we beseech Thee, for the past, and correct, and protect us for the time to come. Be with us especially this day, the eve of another Sabbath; let our preparation for its services be of the heart; give us an anxious desire to set ourselves in order by diligent self-examination; may we, ere this day close, ask ourselves how our week has been spent, and may we bring all our misdeeds, in repentant sorrow, to Thee, pleading, for their remission, our blessed Saviour's name and atonement. May we see, that our whole life's devotion to Thee is but a reasonable service, and so be led to do our duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us. May we endeavor more and more to perfect holiness in the fear of Thee, knowing that such fear is the beginning of wisdom. And may we be active in Thy service, not allowing our affections to deaden, and moulder away, but warmed by the fire of Thy love, to be ever animated by Thy Holy Spirit, so shall we fill our place in accordance with Thy word; so do our duty as Thy will directs, and so work out our own salvation by Thy grace. Oh, bless us to this end, for our Saviour's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD eternal, Thou almighty God, before whom no flesh can stand upright, in whose sight man is altogether sinful and defiled, having lost his first estate, we yet presume to come before Thee and to invoke Thy presence through our Saviour, Christ. Sanctify our meeting; let Thy blessing rest upon us; let Thy spirit guide and direct us, that our prayers may be the language of our hearts, and acceptable unto Thee; that we may be enabled to ask of Thee such good things as we require; and be restrained from seeking anything which may not advance our spiritual interests, and so promote Thy glory. We are weak, indeed; our necessities are many; yet how bountiful is Thy supply; we ask, but Thy mercy exceeds our warmest requests; for Thou givest only for Thy creatures' welfare. Oh, make us to see this; make us to feel that Thy denials are mercies; and that those mercies are renewed every day, for we neither know our real wants, nor how to obtain their removal. May we henceforward so lean upon Thee, that we may seek to Thee in all cases; may cast all our care upon Thee, and fear not. Bless us especially in our joint petitions; ever bless our daily assemblings in Thy Son's name; make them means of grace, that we may be daily more and more devoted to Thee; may know daily more of Thee, and live more to Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose name we ask, and in whose words we further pray—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, wonderful and gracious; O Lord, high and holy, Thou supreme and only Jehovah, we would adore Thee for Thy great manifestations of love made to us day by day. Thou watchest over us in darkness; Thou preservest us in the midst of danger; we escape death, and suffering is spared us. Oh, give to each of us a lively sense of Thy goodness; let not the slumber of fancied security or indifference keep us from an hourly remembrance of Thee; from a constant walk with Thee; an entire devotion to Thee. Thine we are, O Lord, by creation; Thine, doubly Thine, by the mercies of redemption; and we have the promise of a Comforter who will never leave us nor forsake us, if we cleave to Him. And yet, Lord, we put Him away from us; we will not be led by Him; we will not obey His godly motions, for sin reigns in our mortal bodies, and we obey the lusts of the flesh. We walk as securely as if there were no death, no danger, no sin to ruin us, soul and body. Oh, teach us better things; be merciful unto us, good Lord, and this day go forth with us, that we may enter into the courts of Thy house, and worship Thee there; that we may bow our hearts as we bend our knees, in lowly supplication, pouring out our confessions, telling our offences, offering our prayers, uttering our thanksgivings in humble dependence and holy faith, and seeking Thee our God and Father, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear us now, we pray Thee, for His sake, and also in His own words:—Our Father

EVENING.

O LORD, our Governor, how excellent is Thy name in all the world; Thou hast made the heavens, and the earth is the work of Thy hand; the sun and moon, which Thou hast created proclaim Thy goodness from day to day, and make known Thy power; all things speak of Thee, and Thy glory shineth in and through all. But we are blind, and see Thee not; deaf and will not understand; because we love our life too much, and seek our pleasure from things of time rather than from Thee. O Lord, visit us in mercy, and by Thy Holy Spirit draw us from such delusion; open our blind eyes, unloose our deaf ears, and enlighten our dark understandings, to perceive and know Thee in and by Thy works. Yea, Lord, enable us to behold all things as created in reference to man and his salvation; as working towards that great end, carrying out that wondrous design, which only divine wisdom could plan or execute, even our redemption. Enable us, as we move along, to think of Thee; to hear Thy voice in the breeze, which tells of Thy mercy, and should lead man to see Thee as a God ready to pardon, and giving peace. May we own Thy wondrous finger in every flower that gems our path; in every living and moving thing upon the land or in the flood; and then, in holy admiration, fall down at Thy footstool, and exclaim, what is man that Thou art mindful of him. But, O Lord, since Thou art mindful of him, we beseech Thee, help us, and deliver us from our sins, and give us grace to see Thee as Thou art, a merciful God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, our only God, the Creator of all things, we again kneel in Thy presence; we again address ourselves to Thee; and once again ask Thy pardon and Thy love. Look upon us, we beseech Thee, for the love Thou bearest to Thy dear Son. And, since He died that not only we, but all mankind might live, so we would ask, not only on behalf of ourselves, but of others, that inestimable gift, the Holy Ghost to enlighten us, and to instruct. Let His illuminating rays beam far and wide throughout the universe; let His full light shine in all lands, and thousands rejoice in His holy comfort, who never knew rejoicing, nor heard of a dying Saviour. Spread, we pray Thee, the Gospel; let its echo come from distant tribes; let its gracious promises fall on far off ears; and every land resound its heavenly consolation. May Jew and Gentile soon be one, and own alike Jehovah Jesus God and Lord, their only hope; may Turk and Heathen ere long proclaim in their own tongues, the mercies of a redeeming God, and bow in lowly adoration to the same Saviour. May all, of all tribes and kindred, hear and answer Thy great call, and come to Thee for light and life. O Lord, the time is short; enable us to work for Thee whilst it is ours; strengthen us to speak of Thee whithersoever we bend our steps, and boldly to profess before men in every act that we are the disciples of a crucified Redeemer, our Advocate with Thee, and whose name we now, and in all our petitions, plead, even the name of Jesus. Amen.

EVENING.

OH, Thou great and glorious God, high and holy, our eternal stay and hope, our ever present friend, on Thee we call, and to Thee we come, trusting in Thy many and gracious promises secured to us in Christ; hear us, and answer, we beseech Thee, for His sake. Make His name to be the watchword of our house; the one name engraven on the tablet of our hearts; yea, Lord, write it there with Thy finger, so that it may never be removed, but continue to influence us in every holy thought, in every high desire. And, when sickness or sorrow comes, may it stay all risings of discontent; all murmurings, all disquietude, and bring to our memories the hours of bitter anguish which our Saviour suffered for us; the misery which he endured on our behalf; and so lead us, with thankful voices to proclaim Thy mercy, which made our pain so light, and our woes so much less. And when a brighter sun shines, and we prosper, and can go on our way rejoicing, may that recorded name save us from presumption, or forgetfulness; from a love of this world, its vanities and follies, and call to mind the solemn truth, "How hardly shall a rich man enter into the kingdom of heaven." Oh save us, Lord, from all the snares with which the evil one encompasses the sons of men, strengthen us by Thy spirit, to keep our eye fixed on the great polar star of the Christian wayfarer, so shall we have rest to our souls here, and peace for ever hereafter, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Guide of all who put their trust in Thee, behold now, we pray Thee, Thy little flock for which Thy Son Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men, and visit them with Thy salvation; make every member of the same to know his privilege to be called a Son of God, and labor earnestly to work as a son out of love to a merciful and affectionate Father. Yea, Lord, endue every denomination of Christians, wherever they may be, with a full sense of Thy mercy in Christ, with an experimental knowledge of Thy grace through the sanctifying influence of Thy Spirit, that they may rejoice in their calling, may know their responsibility and so learn to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. And be Thou, Lord, especially with us who worship Thee in Thy house of prayer, where we meet from Sabbath to Sabbath according to Thy holy appointment. Give heavenly wisdom to our ministers, that they may be faithful under shepherds, taking of the things of God only, to shew unto those entrusted to their care, that they may indeed obey their Saviour's injunction and feed Thy flock. And give us grace so to follow them; not as slaves, fearing their master; not as weak, without understanding, but as Thy redeemed children, thankful for Thy mercies, and desirous to learn Thy ways, and to walk therein all the days of our life. Grant this, O Lord, in mercy and love, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, who orderest all things well, and keepest mercy for thousands and tens of thousands; yea, for all who call upon Thee faithfully, and seek Thee diligently, in Christ, we beseech Thee to look upon us with Thy favor, and to bless us with Thy grace. Make us to examine ourselves, not by our fellows, not by any human standard, but by Thy just law; that we may see ourselves as we are, lost in sin, corrupt by nature, and unable to do any good deed, or even to think any acceptable thought. Make us to prove ourselves, our sayings and doings, our designs, and imaginings, by reference to Him, who came to be our example, to teach us how to walk, how to live, and oh, much more, how to die; even our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. May we be enabled to look upon Him in every recorded action of His life, as the one great example we must follow, if we would be fellow heirs with Him of eternal rest, of a heavenly inheritance. May we feel that He came from his Father's throne and glory, to this end; to be born a man, that as man he might endure temptation, and so pity those who are tempted; and then may we, when trials surround us, and the evil one struggles within for a mastery, flee to Him for strength, and endurance, for comfort and support. Thus shall Thine arm be stretched forth for His sake, and our prayers be heard through His mediation; and we be safe, as His redeemed even in our sorest hour and for ever. O grant this, we beseech Thee, for His sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, holy, eternal, everlasting, we call unto Thee as humble suppliants for Thy mercy and Thy love. We are Thine, and we would be kept Thine; we are indebted to Thee for everything we possess; Thy goodness, and only Thine, provides us with the enjoyments of this present scene, whilst from Thee only spring our hopes of future glory. Oh, let our mouths praise Thee, and our lips give thanks unto Thee; let us raise our voices to declare Thy goodness, and make our lives to conform to Thy will, that we may shew to the world we are Thine, and so honor Thy holy name. We beseech Thee to continue to us Thy bounty; take not away from us the things which Thou hast so graciously given. Supply us still with all the necessaries of life; with food and raiment, and things convenient unto us. Spare our friends, and make us to rejoice in them. Bless them with Thy favor; give them hearts devoted to Thee; spirits attuned to holy obedience, and enable them, together with us, to magnify Thy name from day to day. Let no evil come nigh to hurt us. Yet, because we are safe, permit us not to trifle with ourselves; but make us to remember that health and strength are Thy gifts, and to be devoted to Thy service, that we may praise and magnify Thy holy name in all things; that we may walk in the blessed steps of Jesus, that we may follow His holy example, and abide by His precepts, and ever rest upon, and trust to Him as our Redeemer, our God, and Saviour, Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Maker, from whom all things proceed; our Preserver, by whom all consist, look upon us. In Thy mercy regard us, and let Thy light shine upon us, and keep us now and unto our lives' end. Another day has been ours; means of grace have been presented to us; opportunities of good have been vouchsafed; we have been permitted to hear of Thee, and we have had to do our duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us. Enable us, as we go into our chambers this night, to enter into close and serious examination of our hearts, to try and prove our own selves, whether we have used the means, and discharged the duties which have been before us. Let no vain hope, no delusion of the evil one make that appear light or of no consequence which should press upon us heavily; but enable us to understand that, as for every word and deed we say or do we must be brought into judgment, so we should be especially careful to set a watch upon our lips, and to order our goings in Thy way. Since, Lord, we have not done this, give us true repentance, and amendment of life. Make us to grieve over our sins past, and to pray to Thee for the future with sincerity and faith; and keep us all in the right way for the time to come, that we may spend the rest of our lives to Thy honor and glory, that we may approve ourselves as Thy disciples before a perverse world; that sinners may be turned unto Thee; and that we may be saved, for the sake of our blessed Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD our King, and Judge, hear us, we pray Thee, and give us a saving faith whilst we pray, for Jesus Christ's sake. We have many things to ask of Thee, but our utterance is feeble, because our hearts are hard. We will not open our eyes to Thy law, therefore, we walk as blind, and stumble by the way, we fail in our objects; and hopes, long cherished, vanish, because our trust is not in Thee, and our desires have not been sanctified by prayer. Pardon, we earnestly beseech Thee, all our short-comings, all our frailties, all our weakness and sin; deliver us from the gall of bitterness, and give us patience under every dispensation of Thy providence. Thou triest us in many ways; because Thou wouldest have us to be pure. Thou sendest afflictions to wean us from the world of which they are; and mercy dictates Thine every act. Let mercy then, Thy great mercy, O Lord, give us an abiding sense of this, a confiding trust in Thee, an unceasing hold on Thy love, an anxious desire for Thy grace and heavenly blessing. Lead us, in all things to refer to Thee, with humility, but confidence, that we may be Thy disciples, and shew forth our profession in our lives. Sanctify us, by Thy Holy Spirit, for every work we have to do, and may we never speak but as He shall give us utterance. May all our lives give evidence of His influence, and may we be saved at the last, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord, the Giver of all good things, we come before Thee this evening to express unto Thee our humble but hearty thanksgivings for the mercies of the now closing day. They are more than we can express, but, O Lord, teach us how to devote ourselves to Thy service, so that we may be enabled to shew to the world that we are not forgetful of all Thy benefits. Purify our hearts from the taint of sin which lies there; from the love of iniquity which springs thence; and give us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us. Take us into Thine own hands and mould us. We know that we cannot serve Thee as we ought; we cannot obey Thee, nor do Thy will. The flesh ever lusteth against the spirit, and brings us into subjection. And yet, Lord, we know what we ought to do, whom we should serve, and the sin and ruin which attend our careless course. We are not blind to the truth, though we do not obey it; we are not insensible of Thy mercy, though we are not moved by it. Strive, oh, strive with us more earnestly and effectually, good Lord, and lead us unto Thyself. Magnify Thy mercy upon us, and hold us up, that our feet slip not; that we neither stumble nor fall. O everlasting Saviour, plead for us, and Thou, Holy Spirit, lead, and guide, and sanctify us, that we may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites and be of the one fold under the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly King, who art high in the heavens above, and sittest with Thy dear Son, in unchangeable glory, how shall we, sin-polluted and vile as we are, come into Thy presence; and yet we do come boldly and with confidence, for we know that Thine is a throne of grace, and Thy Son is our Intercessor; we know that He sitteth at Thy right hand, waiting for the petitions of His redeemed creatures, and ready to plead His sacrifice for them, His merits to supply their deficiency. In His name, and for His sake then, gracious Lord, hear us, now that we are once more met to praise Thee for Thy manifold mercies, renewed to us in the preservation of our bodies during the darkness of another night, and in this our privileged meeting. Oh, continue to us, we earnestly beseech Thee, such great mercies, and teach us how to value them, to use them as Thy holy gifts, for our good, and Thine own glory; bless all dear to us who are now distant from us. Be nigh unto them, and draw them nigh to Thee. Bless all Thy ministers everywhere; overrule their words to Thy people for good; make them to be faithful servants, knowing whose they are and whom they serve; the great charge they have in hand. Give grace to our Sovereign; endue her with heavenly wisdom, and lead her in her Saviour's steps, that she may walk as Thine anointed, remembering she herself, though bowed to by many, must ever bow to Thee; and be gracious to our nation, may we all serve Thee, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy God, in whose hands are the issues of life and death; Thou who takest away the breath of man even as Thou gavest it, at Thine own time, and in Thine own way, make us so to walk before Thee as if we felt this truth; give us hearts sensible of Thy goodness in calling us into being, that we might, by a course of preparation here, be fitted for a happy eternity hereafter; make us to look upon our lives as precious gifts, as talents entrusted to us, which we must use, and preserve; as instruments, to be exercised for Thee, and in promotion of Thy glory. And oh, impress us with a due sense of their shortness and uncertainty; bring before us, in the full light of truth, the many lessons we have had to teach us this; may we remember how both young and old have gone before us to the grave and some suddenly, whilst joy was on the countenance, and no dream of death disturbed pleasure's reign. And may we then turn to Thee in penitent supplication and earnest prayer, that our sins may be blotted out, that the blood of the Lamb may be sprinkled on the door posts of our hearts, and that our house of this tabernacle may be so set in order, that, should the message come tonight, "Prepare to meet Thy Judge," we might be found with our loins girt and our lamps burning, and with a welcome on our lips. O Lord, hear us and give ready answer to our prayer, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast mercifully fulfilled the promises made to our forefathers; who hast remembered Thy covenant of old, and raised unto us a King, who shall reign and prosper in the earth; a mighty Saviour, even the Lord our Righteousness, mercifully visit us, with a saving faith in Him; instil into our minds an earnest desire to search into those things which tell of Him; give us patience and perseverance, that we weary not nor faint until we can comprehend Him in all His majesty, glory, and fulness; as the desire of all nations; the fulfilment of all prophecy. Take from us all love of this world which may interfere with our love to Him; and give us to learn how to love from Him, who is love. Enable us to see Him as He is, perfect in all things for us, and so to look to Him as our Example, that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; as children of God, and heirs of heaven through Him. And, because the flesh is weak, and the allurements of life are strong, we beseech Thee to subdue in us all inordinate desire after things of time and sense; make us to see them as Thy gifts, therefore, for our good, and Thine own glory, and so to use them. And oh, may we never forget whose we are, and how we were bought, even Thine, O God, purchased by no less a price than the blood of Thy dear Son, and so, with thankful hearts go on our way rejoicing in His exceeding love, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all praise and honor for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father and God, Thou who hast made all men for Thyself, and hast prepared a place, even an eternal habitation, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, where all men may dwell with Thee, we humbly beseech Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit to guide us, as we journey towards that heavenly Canaan; to shew us the path wherein to walk, the evils that beset us in all their deformity, and to be our strength and shield against their attacks. Thou hast given us an assurance, that Thou wilt lead Thy people from the bondage of sin to the liberty of the gospel, by bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand and a stretched out arm. And yet Thou didst, even in them also, give us a warning of the danger of sin, by destroying thousands in the wilderness with a sudden destruction. Oh, grant that such be not the lot of any of us. Look upon Thy few worshipers here met in Thy Son's name, and be especially gracious unto us; make us to be helps to each other as we advance in our walk of life; open our mouths to speak of Thy salvation wrought for us, now whilst we have health and strength to serve Thee, lest any of us be cut off in his sin and die unawares, impenitent, a child of Satan. And if our way be long, and our strength seem to fail, oh, make us to know that, if we only trust in Thee, as our day is, so shall our strength be, and then bring us to Thyself, that we may be joint heirs with Christ, in whose name we further pray:
—Our Father

MORNING.

O LORD, our Governor, whose name is excellent in all the world; Thou who art ever mindful of Thy people, and who dost provide for them such things as be convenient. Thou who hast shewn unto us wondrous things, and given us pledges of Thy love, and proofs of Thy favor, in ways beyond number, and in greatness vast, we beseech Thee to fill us with a due sense of Thy mercy and goodness. Stir us up, we pray Thee, to a lively faith in Thy dear Son. Take us this day in the power of that faith into Thine house; may we use it as the house of prayer; may we follow Thee to it, hungering and thirsting after righteousness; may we go into it, knowing that we shall find a supply for all our wants, a gracious answer to all our requests. May we there worship Thee in the beauty of holiness; may we be divested of every worldly thought and imagination, remembering where we are, and why assembled; in whose presence, even of Thee, O God, who wilt not behold iniquity, nor pass by sin. O Lord, we need Thine aid; for Christ's sake, grant it. Confirm in us every good resolution; strengthen every holy desire; and bring us away to our homes with quiet consciences, and joyful hearts; with voices of praise and songs of deliverance, giving glory to Thee for Thy mercies in Christ, for His most precious death, and for the sanctifying influence of Thy Holy Spirit, and enable us to meet again at the day's close, to ask Thy further goodness towards us, for our blessed Lord's sake, Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God and Saviour, who, whilst on earth, didst shew forth Thy power, and display Thy love for man, we earnestly pray Thee to look upon us now, and to deliver us from the bands of sin by which we are bound. It is Thy province, O Lord, to set the captive free; it is Thine to give sight to the blind, and to make the lame walk; and Thou canst feed the hungry with good things. Open our eyes, we pray Thee, that we walk no longer as in the dark; and set our feet at liberty, that we may run the race that is set before us, looking unto Thee. Let sin no longer reign within us, but feed us with Thy heavenly food; and open our mouths, to receive it as from Thee. Oh, be Thou ever present with us whatsoever we may do; let Thy mercy be upon us, and let Thy strength be ours. Suffer us not to be deluded by vain shews; to be led astray by the things of time and sense; to set our affections on earthly goods, or worldly possessions. We know that they are fleeting, and yet we seek them; we know that they are insubstantial, and yet we long for them; yea, even whilst we refuse the bread which came down from heaven, and will not be fed by Thee and live. Oh, blessed Saviour, keep us, feed us, bless us. Preserve us as Thine own unto the great day; suffer us not to fall from Thee, to forget Thee as our Redeemer, but may we all be at Thy right hand on that day through Thy mercy and love, for Thou art our only hope, Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, the God of peace, visit us; Thou who preservest all things in harmony, look upon us in Thy pity, and regard us in Thy love. We are very sinful; we have refused to obey Thee; we have despised Thy warnings; we have neglected Thy threatenings; we have turned unto other gods than Thee. We have loved pleasure more than Thee, and we have sought the profit of this world more than the treasures of Thy kingdom. We have each followed his own desires, and, therefore, we have not been at peace one with another. But Thou canst bring order out of confusion; Thou canst make the rough places plain; Thou canst smoothe down the angry passions of men, and say unto all, peace, and there shall be peace. O Lord, speak so to us, we pray Thee, now; let now Thy voice tell unto us that if we love Thee, and would be with Thee hereafter, we must seek peace and ensue it; we must endeavor to live as our blessed Saviour lived on earth; and, if it be possible we must live peaceably with all men. We ask these things for our nation, since dissensions are many and divisions great; we ask it for our household, because the angry spirit will rise, and the lying tongue will speak, and we would have no evil to be among us. Keep us, then, under the shadow of Thy wings, and be merciful unto us; preserve us from the evil way, and let Thy peace be ours now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, eternal and invisible; we know that Thou art, though we see Thee not; we have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, and, oh, if we have seen Thee not, it is because our faith is weak. We beseech Thee to enable us to realise Thy presence with us, now and whensoever we bend the knee in prayer. Make us to feel Thee nigh, waiting to be gracious, to receive our petitions and to answer, as Thou seest them to be good for us. Give us to apprehend Thee as Thou art, a God of mercy and justice, who willest not that any should perish, and yet who wilt in no wise clear the guilty. Shew Thyself to us as the friend of man, showering down benefits and blessings numberless and coutinuous upon us, though we be sinful and rebellious; striving with us, by love unceasing, by Thy Holy Spirit, by the continuous warnings of Thy ministers, and the hourly works of Thy providence. Yea, Lord, enlighten us to see Thee in all things, and in every moment, as proved by our still continued existence; and then, for Christ's sake, give us grace and strength, to improve these mercies to our soul's benefit; that we may seek Thee early, cleave to Thee continually, speak of Thee as we go to and fro, and be ever engaged in Thy, our kind Father's, work, for we have a work to do for Thee, or die. Oh, hear us, bless and keep us, we earnestly beseech Thee, for the sake of our Redeemer, even Thine own beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS God, our merciful Lord, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, and who hast, therefore, made a way for all to escape, even through the blood-shedding of Thy dear Son, we most humbly beseech Thee to hear us, whilst we ask in His name, and petition, through His merits. We are sinners; we are lost and undone, and for such He came into the world; for such he lived, and for such he died. We remember this, O God, and come boldly; we approach the throne of grace with confidence, because Thy promises in Him are sure. Let us then learn from Him; give to us the spirit and desire to know how he passed through all the trials and temptations of this life; how he went about doing good; how he was subject to those who were set over Him; how he lived as Thine in all things, and was obedient as a Son. We in vain try, when we do try, to obey Thee as we ought; we know, and we confess, that our best doings are vanity, and that sin taints them all. Enable us to offer Thee penitent hearts, broken spirits; impress upon each one of us a due sense of our frailty, and our folly; and let the light of Thy Holy Spirit so shine into our hearts, that, seeing their naughtiness, we may daily seek more and more of Thine aid, so that we may be able to stand against temptation, and to cease from sin; and henceforth with our bodies and our spirits, give Thee, as we ought, due service, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, holy and true, Thou who canst not look upon iniquity, and who hatest deceit, give us, we beseech Thee, pure hearts, and establish truth in our inward parts. We know, by sad and daily experience, that we are not as we ought to be; that we know not ourselves, and that we will not study ourselves as we might. We yield continually to passion; we allow prejudice to lead us, and self-interest sways in too many of our doings. The voice of conscience is lulled; the rebukings of Thy faithful monitor are unheeded; we add sin to sin. Oh, how often have we spoken or acted a lie; how often have we denied the truth; how often deceived our neighbor. And yet, having done so, we have dared to bend the knee, and to utter words of prayer to Thine ear. O Lord, do Thou pardon us. O Lord, be merciful unto us. O Lord, let not our iniquity, which calls for vengeance, be our ruin. Blot out our sin, for Thy dear Son's sake. Keep us for the time to come. Make us especially watchful that no untruth escape our lips, and make us very bold to declare the truth whenever we hear it outraged or denied by others. It is Thy Spirit's work only; we cannot do it of ourselves. Now, whilst time and opportunity are before us, let Thy grace help and establish us, every one, that this household may be kept by Thy favor, and that Thy love may direct and guide us to our lives' end, for the love of Thy dear Son, our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD of our salvation, hear us; O Lord God, listen unto us; O merciful Father, let Thine ear be attent as we cry, and bless us in this our morning service. We come to pray unto Thee; we come to offer our petitions, and to ask Thine aid. Enable us to pray in spirit and in truth; let not what we shall say with our lips, or listen to with our ears be merely idle words; but give us such hearts and dispositions that our words may be winged to Thine ear, and be heard at Thy throne. Teach us the nature of, as well as the necessity for, prayer. Shew to us how often we have thought we prayed, when no prayer passed our lips; how often we have bent the knee, whilst we only outraged Thee, because our service was not sincere. And make us to ask ourselves now, with what spirit, and disposition we came into this place and prostrated ourselves in Thy sight, as we must one day answer for it at the throne of eternal judgment. Let us remember that whenever two or three are met together in Thy dear Son's name, there Thou art present with them; and we are so met, as we daily meet here, by Thy grace. Oh, let us not outrage Thy presence; let us not do despite unto the spirit of grace; let us not come before Thee professedly to pray, and by our negligence take away a curse and not a blessing, but give us right hearts and spirits to pray ever unto Thee in spirit and in truth, for Jesus Christ's sake our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL and holy Lord God, who art over all, blessed for ever, we presume to come before Thee this evening to acknowledge Thy mercy, and to ask Thee to continue it unto us. Great is Thy love towards us, O Lord, and manifold are Thy mercies; Thy favor endureth, and Thine hand protects; Thou speakest and we are safe, and Thou givest unto us the necessaries of life. Oh, let our lips praise Thee, and our lives give thanks unto Thee; oh, let us say in our hearts, Thou, Lord, art great, and worthy to be praised, there is no end of Thy greatness; and let us teach Thy praise unto others, to the glory of Thy great name. Draw us more from the world, and its pleasures and vanities, to a deeper and holier consideration of Thee and Thy doings. Shew unto us how unsatisfactory and unsubstantial are all the joys of time, the attractions of life; and convince us of the profitableness of those things which belong to Thee. We have too often experienced disappointments in the world, and we know that here we have no abiding city. Let the recollection of such solemn truths awaken us to a just sense of our danger, if we live to the world. Oh, satisfy us with the light of Thy countenance; make us to rejoice in Thy holy comfort; give us a hope which belongs not to time, and is not limited to sense, but which is from Thee only; and let the name of our Redeemer plead for us, now, and in all our prayers, O Lord our God. Amen.

MORNING.

ANOTHER day is before us, O God, and with it new dangers surround us. We know that temptations await, and that, even now, an evil one is trying to draw our thoughts from Thee. We, therefore, most earnestly beseech Thee to shield us against all his assaults, to protect us against the evil, and to keep us by Thy good Spirit, that our feet slip not. Give us watchful dispositions, and enable us now so to justify ourselves by prayer, and so to seek Thine aid, that we may go forth with confidence, and advance with boldness, and fight the good fight, as tried and proved soldiers of the great captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ. Suffer us not to yield to any temptation, that we look neither to the right hand, nor to the left; that we speak no word of which we shall be ashamed at the last day; that we do nothing which we dare not let the world see; that we consent to do nothing for which we cannot approve ourselves Thine. We are unable to effect this of ourselves, our hands are feeble, our power is weakness. Oh, how often have we fallen, and again fallen, though we had confessed our sin. Now, whilst the day of salvation is ours, and whilst life and health are vouchsafed to us, do the work, we pray Thee for each one of us. And make us all to feel and know that we are safe, because Thine arm protects, that we need not fear, because Thy wing shelters, and because Jesus is our advocate with Thee. We trust Him, oh, answer us, for His sake, now and ever, we beseech Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

WE come, O Lord our God, with this evening's close unto Thee, for we owe unto Thee a fresh tribute of praise, we should speak to Thee with the voice of thanksgiving. Thou hast preserved and upheld us; Thou hast heard our prayer, and hast kept us. To Thee be the glory for this among Thy many mercies. And, oh, do Thou teach us to glorify Thee indeed. Endue us with Thy Holy Spirit; pour into our hearts the love of Thy name; give us a due sense of Thy majesty and power, and of our own weakness and insufficiency. Suffer us no longer to yield to the illusions of this world; to give way to the cares and troubles which may overtake us here; but teach us how to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, and to draw from Him the comfort we need, and the strength we require as we pass through this scene of trial and sorrow. Enable us to look, in all our afflictions, beyond them; in all our trials above them. And endue us so entirely with the spirit of love and christian charity, that we may endeavor to bear each other's burden; that we may seek each other's good; that we may promote each other's happiness, and so walk before Thee in the land of the living. We earnestly entreat Thee to keep us as one, in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. And preserve us all blameless to the day of account, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our very God, we again seek Thee; we again come into Thy presence; we again bend the knee before Thee; oh, hear our petitions, and answer, for Thy dear Son's sake. We would pray unto Thee to give us more zeal about heavenly things; to endue us with more continuing earnestness about the things which belong unto our eternal peace; more desire to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven; more perseverance in every good work. Lead us to a deep and frequent consideration of our state in time, and for eternity. Set before us the end and object of our being here, that we may use things of time so as to possess the joys of eternity. Enlighten, O Lord, our hearts and consciences, that we may not only know ourselves, but that we may be able to regulate all our conduct by Thy holy will and law. Suffer us not to let our zeal, where we have any, to overthrow our judgement. Enable us to watch ourselves very carefully, and very diligently. And make us especially on our guard lest, when we think we are exercising our zeal for Thee, we be doing only the work of the evil one. We know that, by our deeds we shall be judged, therefore, we pray Thee, the more earnestly, to give us the Holy Spirit's aid, that we may do all things as before Thee, and not as before men; for Thy honor and glory, and not with a view to our own good, that we may be saved at the last, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our very God, great, holy, and true, we approach Thee as Thine own, as Thy redeemed, as the creatures of Thy hand, who have nothing in ourselves, nothing to offer, but our sin-polluted souls, and our frail bodies; but who come with confidence, because at Thy right hand is our Advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous, the Propitiation for our sins. For His sake, incline Thine ear unto us, and hear us; blot out our offences of time past; let not our iniquities be remembered against us. Oh, suffer us not to live on in our sins; to flatter ourselves that we are safe; to rest secure, when danger, and death are around us on every side. Remove from us every thought which is not coupled with Thee; every hope which does not rest on Jesus; every design which does not depend on the Holy Spirit's aid for its completion. Let our lives illustrate our profession; whether in our homes, or abroad; with our friends or among strangers. Active in business, or quiet in our rest, let us evidence to all men, and to our own consciences, and to Thee, that we are Thine. Yea, Lord, again and again we pray unto thee, to accomplish this, Thy great design, in each one of us, that we may be saved; that we may be able to stand against trials, and to resist temptations, and, at the last, having done all to stand, with the company of saints and angels before Thy throne for ever. Oh, make us to feel very earnest for so great, so blessed a consummation, and grant this for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

THY mercy, O Lord, is great, and Thy goodness infinite; Thy power is everlasting, and Thy truth cannot fail. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; yea, we will sing songs unto Thy name, and declare Thy wonders, Thy name shall be known among men. Let Thy Holy Spirit now descend upon us in His power, and help us whilst we speak unto Thee, O God, and open Thou our mouths that our praise may be indeed of Thee, for Thou art greatly to be praised. From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same, Thy care is for man, Thy love is shewn towards him. Ever since we were born Thou hast preserved us. We have escaped danger, and it was Thou who didst shield us; we have been preserved from death, and it was Thy goodness which gave us yet further time to repent. We have had food and raiment, and Thy mercy prepared them; friends have been about our path, and it was Thou who vouchsafedst so great comforts. O Lord, we cannot enjoy anything which is not of Thee, and yet we refuse to obey Thee, we follow after our own pleasures, and seek wordly profit, and name not the name of the Lord our God. Oh, be not extreme to mark our misdoings, but blot out our offences, for Jesus Christ's sake. Turn Thou us and so shall we be turned, and let Thy blessing rest upon us, and give us grace to serve Thee always in our lives, and so to praise Thee O eternal Trinity, one God, for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

PRAISE the Lord, praise Him, O my soul, let each one now say, and let us come before Thee, our God, with the voice of thanksgiving. Let us tell of Thy wonders, and proclaim Thy goodness, for we are safe; Thy wings shelter us; Thine hand protects us; and we can live in peace. Oh, let us praise our God, who hath kept, and hath redeemed us. Amen. O Lord, hear our cry, and help us. Look upon us, and preserve us; for temptations are many, and dangers are great, and we cannot walk before Thee in the land of the living, unless Thou help us. Now is the hour of trial; now we must work and labor for Thee; now we must secure the rest promised to Thy saints. Enable us, good Lord, to remember this, and, for Jesus Christ's sake, turn our hard hearts, and subdue our rebellious spirits; and strive with us, and be Thou our great God, and make us to be Thy people, lest we fall for ever, and rise not again. Teach us the wisdom of laying up our treasure in heaven, where we may be, and not upon earth, which we must leave. Oh, make us wise unto salvation. Take away from us every prejudice, every thought of evil, every wicked imagination, and teach us to set our hearts and affections on things above. May this house ever be a house of prayer; may this place be ever sanctified by Thy presence; and may all, who shall ever dwell here, know that Thou art God, and worship Thee here, to Thy honor and glory, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Father, whose mercies are unbounded, whose love fails not, hear Thy humble creatures, who would now ask from Thee grateful hearts for Thy unceasing care of them, for the comforts and conveniences of this life, and the hope of a far better, even of an eternal inheritance. O Lord, Thy mercies are new every morning; and now we have risen on the day when we should celebrate that great event which preceded the redemption of man, which fulfilled prophecy, and gave to this world a Saviour, even Christ the Lord. Influence our hearts, most gracious God, to comprehend this proof of Thy love; enable us to think with seriousness upon the birth, in time, of Him who is through all eternity; make us to look back upon the cause of this event, even the sin of our first father Adam, and to see, in its consequences, which are eternal death and suffering to all mankind, the vastness of the sacrifice which our Saviour made to purchase us back to Thee and heaven. Let this be our rejoicing, this the ground of our cheerfulness today and ever, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Fill our breasts with holy delight, and take us to Thine house with willing feet to celebrate before Thee, in the assembly of Thy people, this day's mighty deliverance, for unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, the Prince of peace, a Saviour, and a King, the everlasting God, to whom we would now ascribe His due, all majesty and dominion with Thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

THE evening closes, O Lord, and, as the curtains of night are drawn around us, accept again, we pray Thee, our ready offering, our willing service. But, Lord, purify us from all fleshly taint as we kneel to Thee, and remove from our hearts the vain thought, if it harbors there with any of us, that our prayers have any merit; but make them acceptable unto Thee by Thy Spirit's aid. Another day is added to the sum of our lives; a day of holy joy and comfort; a day to increase our faith, and establish our hope; oh, work this in us, we beseech Thee; give us to see more clearly, and to cling more entirely to a Saviour born, as on this day, for us and all mankind. Establish in us a personal interest in Him; enable us to feel that He died for each one of us, that we each may be led to live more entirely to Him, that He may be our God and we His people; that He may reign in our hearts by faith, and that we may have a comfortable assurance of His interest in each of us. Flesh and blood cannot do this, but Thy Spirit can. Help us then, good Lord, that the birth of a Saviour may not be the seal of our condemnation, but that we may seek and find Him, and prove Him to be our best Companion, our kindest Friend, our Comforter, and stay in and through all things, and for all time, and then may reign with Him in glory, and receive the promises which Thou hast in goodness sealed unto Thy people. Grant this for His sake, and ever accept our humble sacrifice of prayer and praise in His name. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we, the creatures of Thy bounty, the children of Thy love, but rebellious and disobedient, despite abundant mercies and blessings, would yet come to Thee, to learn that only wisdom which can help us in our hour of greatest need, a knowledge of Thee and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Give to us the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the earnest longing and desire to be Thy chosen in very deed; to know that we are Thine, and to continue so to our live's end, that we may inherit the promises, and be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Another year is now nearly closed; a few hours, and it shall cease to be. Oh, let Thy Holy Spirit be now present with us, that we may lay this to heart; that we may examine ourselves by Thy word; that we may recall the days of its existence which have ceased to be; and remember our actions, words, and thoughts as it has passed by us. O Lord, what is the sum of them, and how can we appear in Thy presence, save to acknowledge our short-comings, our sins of omission and commission, our carelessness, our wanderings from Thy path, our disobedience to Thy law. Pardon us, we beseech Thee; enlighten within us what is dark, strengthen what is weak; confirm where we have any strength, and oh, if the light of Thy love beam into our hearts, increase it there, that we may walk as the children of light, Thy redeemed in Christ Jesus our Lord for whose sake hear our prayers now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou art our God, and we would praise Thy holy name for all Thy mercies. Thou hast brought us safely to the close of another year, a year in which mercy and love unbounded, and inexpressible, have wrought for us; through which the means of grace have been many and great. We have weekly heard the Sabbath sound of summoning peals, speaking to us in persuasive language of the time for prayer in Thine house; we have seen a multitude flocking into Thy courts; we have heard Thy word read; Thy sacraments have been offered to us; Thy law has been proclaimed, fully, clearly, and earnestly. Thy watchmen, as from a tower, have cried aloud, and spared not, to speak the truth as it is in Jesus. Health has been ours; we have had strength to labor; we have been refreshed from time to time by bodily sustenance good for us; our friends have smiled upon us; and death has warned us. Thou, Lord, hast endeavoured to bring us to Thyself, and whose are we? O Lord, in mercy, this night, lead each one of us, as if it were our last of life, to ask himself this question: Whose am I, and whom do I serve? Shew to each that he is either Thy child, or a child of the evil one; a being sealed for heaven, or doomed to hell, let the thought of this season rouse us; the remembrance of this year's dead, whom we knew or loved, speak to us; and oh, let Thy Spirit strive with us; and our Saviour plead for us, and do Thou receive us in and through Him, and hear and strengthen by faith our prayer now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, the Source of every good, the Author of every blessing, we praise Thee for Thy mercy in the light of another day, the opening of another year; but more, for the brightness of the hope thus given to us, that the seasons, as they still roll on, shall bring us joy and plenty. Yea, Lord, we would read our future in the past, and, because Thou hast long been gracious unto us, we would look for grace and mercy still. Bless us, O Lord, with a year of prosperity; prosper our nation, our family, and each one here present, with all spiritual blessings; let the light of Thy gospel shine brighter and more brightly day by day as the year advances; make its every Sabbath a means of grace to thousands and ten thousands in our land; let no calamity visit us, and be the rumor of war far away; be distractions and divisons in the State quieted, that men may dwell at peace with each other, and learn to love as brethren. And, oh, look upon Thy church; the body banded in Thy name, among whom Thou lovest to dwell, and stretch forth Thine arm over it. Breath upon it the spirit of peace, unity, and concord; make all its members to be one, even as its great head, the triune Jehovah, is one. Be merciful unto us and soon; for time passes away, and eternity is at hand. May this year be our blessing, our joy, our comfort; and whether we pass through its every day, or, ere it close, be summoned hence by death, grant that it witness not sin against us at the great day, but keep us in it ever Thine, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father, and God, we approach Thee with holy reverence, and fear, beseeching Thee to listen again to our prayer, and for Jesu's sake, to grant such of its petitions as may be good for us. Oh, take this household under Thine especial protection, and good providence; look upon it with Thy favor, and let Thy Holy Spirit be so ever present with all its members, that we may be united by the inseparable bond of heavenly love and christian confidence; that we may see but one interest throughout our union, the desire to seek and ensue such peace here, that we may obtain Thy peace hereafter; such conformity to Thy will and law on earth, that we may all meet as partakers of Thy promises in heaven, and rejoice in our privileges, and union, which have advanced us in our heavenward course. Give to him who presides here, wisdom such as man cannot of himself attain unto, that he may do all things in Thy faith and fear; to her who has authority among us, christian discretion, and prudence, that she may walk as Thy disciple, and love Thee; and to those who serve, patience, forbearance, meekness, that they may serve not as men pleasers; not as desirous for an earthly reward, but as followers of Him, who condescended to be a servant, that all might learn from His example, and tread the way to heaven. And oh, let this be the spirit of our every prayer during the year this day begun; that its days may each add to our good, and bring us as much nearer to Thee as we are to the grave, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who hast ever made known to man the way of salvation; who hast led Thy people from time to time, when darkness seemed to overwhelm, and sorrow to destroy them, to safety and a sure refuge; and who, when the Saviour of mankind took our nature upon Him, didst manifest Him to the Gentiles who were afar off, and indicate the mercy Thou hadst in store for them by the leading of a star, look upon us, and lead us. Cause the morning star, the harbinger of man's peace to shine brightly above our path, and to point out to us the way we should go. May its rich beams gladden our eyes, and oh may we never take them thence, but follow with cheerful and ready step, withersoever it leadeth. For that star is Christ, the polar star to which the Christian minister ever directs his eye, as he tries to steer through the buffeting and angry surges of life, to the haven where he would be, even to the bosom of his Father and his God. And when clouds gather, and thick darkness come upon our spirits, and we cannot see our star's gleam, because our faith has become more faint; oh, enliven our faith, and reanimate our hopes, most gracious God, and dispel every shadow which hinders a clear view of that directing star, that following it here, we may, after this life, dwell in its light, even with our Saviour Christ in glory, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost we would ascribe all power, glory, and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

AGAIN regard, O Lord, the members of this family who seek Thine aid and assistance, and who throw themselves into Thine arms to bear them up amid the sorrows and anxieties of life. Give us spirits so entirely under Thy direction, that we may grieve over the things of time as mere passing events, which cannot interfere with, or destroy, our hopes of eternity. Lead us to see the crosses of this present world, as reasons why we should love it the less, and withdraw our affections from it; lest we be surfeited with its cares, and so perish. But above all, give us humble spirits; lead us to a close imitation of our Saviour, who was meek and gentle, patient and forbearing; who, when He was reviled, reviled not again. Yet teach us to own them as Thy entire gift, and seek them as Thine. May we feel how haughty is the natural spirit of man, how impatient of authority, how unwilling to suffer reproof, and endeavour to obtain from Thee a more excellent gift, that Thou mayest look upon us with Thy favor; and receive us, when we are cast down, and oppressed by the weight of sin and iniquity, under which we labor. And do Thou also bless us with all spiritual gifts, that we may dwell together in unity; that one spirit may rule in us all, and bind us all, and that our meetings here on earth, may be but preludes of a meeting in Thy mansions, where we may join the heavenly host, in one unending strain of praises, our joy and blessing. Oh, grant this for Jesus Christ's sake our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, who didst, in mercy, give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins upon the cross. Thou who hast thought no work too extreme to purchase back to Thyself Thy sinful creatures; look now upon us, who, conscious of our sins, and bewailing our offences against Thee, would seek a remedy, and plead for pardon and deliverance. O Lord, we must confess that we are altogether unworthy of the least of all Thy favors; that we deserve not from Thee the smallest share of mercy or the least proof of love, because we have hitherto so often rejected the one and despised the other. O Lord, how often hast Thou appealed to us by Thy word, Thy providential dealings, Thine ordinances, Thine appointed ministers; warnings without and from within have been alike unheeded; and, if attended to, oh, how often has it been but in the letter, in the outward observance, and not with the spirit, and in truth. Again, this day, Thy mercy pleads with us, and a Saviour's voice speaks to us:—"Remember me." Again, the sacred elements, His own chosen memorials of His dying love, invite us to prove that we obey His bidding and remember Him. O Lord, help us; give us that spirit of love, which shall work by obedience; lead us all, in faith, to that precious feast, and accompany us there, that we may partake to our soul's comfort, and prove indeed that we are the disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and Advocate with Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, can we say, as this Sabbath's evening closes upon us, it is peace? Are we, O Lord, so much at ease in our consciences, and have our spirits such rest, that we feel at peace within; undismayed by any recollections, undisturbed by any fears? Let Thy Spirit, O Lord, in Thy mercy, enlighten our eyes to see the truth; preserve us from that false security which mistaken peace brings, and give us a right understanding of our state before Thee, and whether our hopes are in heaven. We, who have knelt this day at the table of Thy love, and again told our wants, confessed our sins, and sought pardon through the atonement made by Thine own and only Son, would especially ask Thee to preserve us from all presumption because we have done this. Let us not think we have performed some meritorious act, but rather that we have been privileged to partake in means of grace, and to do as our Saviour Christ would have us, that we might be saved. Oh, lead us to look at His exceeding love in appointing so easy, so pleasant a way of doing His will; in finding means so ready to obey His law. And pardon every short-coming in word or thought throughout this day's service. May it have been a day savoring of life and good to each one of us; and may we long for its return as for a precious boon, a valuable gift; and now lie down to quiet sleep, refreshed by all its services, and strengthened through its means and opportunities, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

AGAIN, O Lord, has Thy voice spoken in mercy; again has the invitation gone forth, and once again we are permitted to hail a day which reserves for us the holy privilege to approach Thee with the sacred memorials of Thy dear Son's body and blood. Give us grace to dedicate the short space of time, which yet must pass ere we kneel at the table of Thy love, to serious meditation and holy self inquiry. Enable us to ask ourselves, with the most searching scrutiny, as if we never more must put the question, and to learn, whether we do truly and earnestly repent us of our sins; whether we are in love and charity with our neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following Thy commandments, and walking henceforth in Thy holy ways. O Lord, give us grace to know if such be our state before Thee, and enable us to answer, yes, in spirit and in truth. And then, O Lord, draw us near to Thee with faith, that we may take the holy sacrament to our comfort, and make our humble confession from the fulness of a contrite heart, in the spirit of a lowly disciple of the Lord Jesus, and with the earnestness of a famishing creature, who, being empty, seeks to be filled; who, lacking all things, comes to the fountain which is never dry, and to the tree, whose fruit never withers, that he may be satisfied and full. O Lord, we depend on Thee for grace; and we plead the all prevailing name of Jesus, and so will come with comfortable assurance since He is our Mediator. Amen.

EVENING.

BLESS the Lord oh, my soul, and all that is within me, praise His holy name; bless the Lord, oh my soul and forget not all His benefits. O God, let such be the language of the heart of each of us, as we once more kneel, with a Sabbath's close, at Thy footstool of mercy and love. The day is nearly ended, and the curtains of night have shut us in from the world, its beauties, its attractions, and its sins; and now let us, in spirit also, leave the world, to commune with Thee, and to offer a heart's thanksgiving for the new proof of love this day has brought. Thy voice has spoken, oh, how sweetly, in our ears, and we have again heard its utterance, "if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins." We have need, yea, great need of that Advocate, O God, for our sins are many, and even at Thy table we could not offer unto Thee an undivided heart. Earthly affections drew our thoughts away, and earthly feelings made us cling too much to earth. Oh, pardon, for Thy dear Son's sake, and accept the offering we have made, as sincere; for we would flee unto the Rock of salvation as our only refuge, and we would be fed with the bread of life, which is His flesh indeed. And now, Lord, ere we part, we ask Thy pardon and Thy blessing. Oh, pardon the weakness of faith of those who came in answer to Thy bidding. Pardon the want of faith of those who staid away, and bless us with fresh supplies of grace for the time to come, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, whose ways are in the sea, and whose paths are in the great waters; Thou, who art in every place, and who orderest all things according to Thy good pleasure, look upon us, as we are now met together in Thy dear Son's name, and give to us the spirit of prayer and supplication. Enable our hearts to pour forth the petitions our lips would utter, and our spirits to go with our words, that they may ascend as a morning sacrifice, and be acceptable with Thee, and that we may have Thy favor and blessing. We are few in number, but we know that Thou hearest prayer, be it uttered by the lowliest of Thy creatures; and we know that for each one a Saviour died; for each one He ascended into heaven; for each He pleads with His Father. We, therefore, come, O God, through Him to ask Thine aid, Thy love and mercy. Protect us, we beseech Thee, in all our goings; watch over and accompany us wheresoever our steps tend; give those who travel a firm and enduring reliance on Thy goodness, and let the prayers of those who remain accompany them. Bring us together again, we pray Thee, in health and strength, that we may have fresh cause to praise Thee, and to rejoice in Thy Holy name; that we may have renewed proofs of Thy love, manifold though they be already; and may be enabled, by a prolonged life, and the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, to shew forth our sense of them in a more constant walk with Thee, a more firm reliance on Thy goodness, and a more entire devotedness to Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we, Thine unworthy creatures, now come before Thee with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, with the accents of holy joy and filial love. Thou hast protected us, whilst we wandered; Thou hast been with us as we went to and fro, and Thine arm has shielded and kept us from evil. Dangers may have threatened, but we have been safe, and no ill has fallen upon us, and our home and those who dwelt therein have felt the like protection. Do Thou, Lord, make us duly sensible of these Thy mercies; for Christ's sake, look upon and bless us, by giving us of Thy Holy Spirit, to influence us in pure acts of devotion and grateful love: may we shew forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives; may we seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and may our hopes arise from earth to heaven, and our aspirations be for a rest with our Saviour, who is gone to prepare a place for us. Take away from us all discontent and disquietude about earthly things, and give us a lively interest in all which affect our eternal welfare, that we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Bless all near and dear to us; give them grace and strength that they may fight the good fight, and lay hold on eternal life. And be Thou nigh unto us this night and ever; give us refreshing sleep; calm all disquieting fears; and enable us to rise in the morning ready and anxious to fulfil our several duties, to do the work we have to do in patient confidence in Thy supporting strength. Oh, grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O LORD, Thou God of mercy; Thou Giver of all good things, we laud and magnify Thy holy name, that Thou hast now, in great love, visited us. Thou hast dealt very graciously with us, O God; Thine arm has protected, and Thy love has prevailed, and we rejoice in Thee. O grant that as we prove more and more of Thy goodness day by day, our lives may be more and more in accordance with Thy law. Make them to shew forth Thy praise in every action, to declare Thy goodness in every word and work. And, oh, look in continuing love on that frail creature which Thou hast given to us. May the now weak and helpless babe be nourished ever by Thy grace, and sustained by Thy love. May *he* grow in strength of body, and perfectness of mind; may *he* be kept from sickness, and diseases which may harrass the frame, and bring *him* nigh unto the grave; but, above all, may *he* increase in Thy strength, and in the nurture and admonition of Thee. Give to *his* parents, or to those by whom he may be brought up, grace and strength to fulfil their great and responsible office as before their God. Oh, may *he* be brought up indeed in the way in which he should go, that Thy promise to all men may be *his*, and that *he* may rejoice in those to whom Thou hast given *him*, as Thy servants, and glorify Thee for Thy mercy and goodness, all the days of *his* life. Grant this we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy Son, and our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, Maker of all things, and to whom all belong, we, the creatures of Thy hand, come into Thy presence with the voice of joy and gladness. Thou hast permitted us this day to dedicate unto Thee our dear infant. Thou hast mercifully vouchsafed to us a great and holy privilege, and we would praise Thee for Thy goodness. Oh, grant that the work which we have so done, and the prayers which we have offered, may not have been in vain. We have asked Thee to receive our infant, to look upon *him*, to wash *him* and sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost. We again entreat Thee to receive *him*, that when *he* shall be old enough, *he* may come unto Thee, as unto the only sure refuge in time, or for eternity. Let Thine eye ever regard *him*, that *he* may be kept in all *his* goings, lest *his* foot slip; lest *he* fall away from the faith this day professed on *his* behalf; and lest *his* latter end be worse than *his* beginning. Dwell in *him* O Lord, by the Spirit, purify *him* from time to time from all pollution; wash *him* daily from *his* sin; cleanse *him* and *he* shall be clean. Make *his* days many, and lead *him* ever by the waters of comfort; and, in Thy due time, take *him*, together with us, into the fold of the redeemed, that we may raise our voices, as we would now do, in one chorus of praise to the Lamb that sitteth upon the throne, to our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, before whom all men must stand at the great and terrible day of the Lord Jesus, to account for all their deeds, and to be judged by them, we beseech Thee to make us remember so solemn and important a truth now, ere we go into Thy presence, and ask Thee to witness what we are about to do. We believe that it is Thine ordinance that man should leave father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and, therefore, we would especially and earnestly ask Thee to bless those who are this day about to come together in the faith and fear of Thee, and according to Thine appointment. May they come with the preparation of right spirits; may they come, sure of Thy favor and protection; may they come, seeking only Thy blessing, and trusting themselves entirely in Thy hands. Subdue within them every thought which may hinder them from an entire devotion to Thee, whilst they make their vows to each other. Let them call to mind how solemn a thing it is to seek the presence of the living God, and how great and precious a privilege it is to know that Thou wilt be present when sought by faithful prayer. Oh, be present with us, in Thine house; sanctify every one who shall meet there; and give to all prayerful spirits that we may return home sure that our work must prosper. And this we ask for Jesu's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, very merciful, and very gracious; we again come before Thee in faith, to make our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. We would praise Thy holy name for the mercies of this day; that Thou hast permitted fond hopes to be realised, and rich desires to be granted. Make the remembrance of this goodness to dwell ever on the minds and in the memories of those whom Thou hast so visited, and let lives of holy devotion unto Thee evidence how much they feel Thy mercy and love. Let this be the ground-work of their future happiness, that Thou hast blessed them; let this be their inventive to every act, that Jesus is their Saviour; and let this be their confidence in all things, that the Spirit is their Guide. And do Thou never leave them nor forsake them. Accompany them in all their doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further them with Thy continual help. Make them to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and to trust their all to Thee, whether for time or for eternity. Shew them the pleasure of unity; keep them in peace, and give to them health and strength, with all the blessings of life. And so lead them through the troublous path of this world, that they may, in Thy due time, enter into eternal rest, the purchased gift of our Redeemer, and Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose name we plead, and in whose words we further pray:—Our Father

MORNING OR EVENING.

O LORD our God, we know that Thou art just and true; we know that all Thou doest is to advance the good of Thy creatures; that Thy glorious design is, that all men should be saved, and, therefore, in this hour of our affliction and distress, we come unto Thee, to ask for patient spirits, for prayerful dispositions, for obedient hearts. We are tempted, O Lord, at times to doubt if Thou art good, because we see our friends bent with sickness; we are led sometimes to complain, because their pain continues; and we forget that the Judge of all the earth must do right. Oh, pardon every such rebellious feeling to which we have hitherto yielded, and be patient with us, good Lord. Look upon our affliction and distress, and Thou, blessed Saviour, who knowest the weakness of our nature, plead on our behalf. Suffer us not to fallaway, that our prayers should be henceforth unavailing, but the heavier Thine hand is on us, the more earnest make us in our petitions; so much the more increase our faith. And do Thou lighten the sickness of the afflicted one; soften *his* pain, and ease *his* condition. But, above all things give *him* faith, and patience, and, in Thine own good time, take *him* together with us and all who are dear to us in the flesh, to Thine eternal rest, for the love Thou bearest to Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, our Father; O Lord, our Protector, we now come unto Thee, to offer earnest prayers, to bring before Thee the incense of our hearts and spirits, for our need is great. Thou hast spoken the word, and disease prevails, distress abounds, sorrow and anguish are on every side. Unless Thou stretch forth Thine hand, and stay the plague, who can be saved. We own, O Lord, that we have deserved this visitation; we admit that our sins have long cried for vengeance. Iniquity abounds in our high places, and our poor forget their Maker. Man follows his own devices, but neglects Thy commands, he obeys the dictates of his own will, and refuses to consult Thy law. But, Lord, Thou art merciful as well as just; therefore, we pray Thee to remove Thy judgment. Thou hast now taught us, by the disease which prevails among us the consequence of sin, which are sorrow and death; oh, let the lesson not be read in vain. Suffer not any one of us, nor of the multitudes who have seen or felt Thine hand, to forget henceforth that Thou hast spoken, lest our latter end should be worse than this, lest sudden destruction should come upon us unawares. O Lord, hear us, be merciful unto us; O Lord preserve us now and to the day of our death, oh, let not one of us fall away from the faith which we have received; but keep us, in peace and love, in faith and hope, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, Thou God of the spirits of all men and in whose hands are the issues of life and death; Thou, to whom all flesh must come, and at whose bidding the energies of life are stayed, hear us we beseech Thee, now that Thou hast been pleased to speak to us by a sound which none can mistake, in language all must comprehend, for one, lately connected with us has been called this day from life, and has bowed at the bidding of Thy sure messenger, Death. Oh, do Thou impress the awful, but all important lesson this should teach, on the heart of every one of us; make it to speak as a warning, that we set our house of this earthly tabernacle in order; that we look to ourselves; that we examine and prove our own selves, whether we be in the faith; that we consider seriously how short and uncertain life is, for we grow up, and are cut down as a flower; and that we remember we are but strangers and pilgrims, journeying to another country. Do Thou, this night, lead us to ponder these things in our hearts; ere the darkness have passed away, seal upon them the importance of being prepared, as we know not the hour in which the Son of man shall come. And keep us by Thy Spirit; stay us in all our goings, that we slip not; make our way smooth before us, and our path straight, and so direct us, that all our doings may please Thee, and our death be to ourselves an exceeding great joy. Oh hear us and answer, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O LORD, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou regardest him; he is cut down as a flower, he passes away as a vapor, he is today here, and tomorrow gone, for he cannot help himself. Yea, Lord, we are powerless against Thee, and yet we oppose Thee continually; we are unable to stand when Thou utterest Thy word "Come," and yet, whilst we have the power, we will not seek Thee, that in the hour of death we may be found with Thee. O Lord, so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; so instruct us in Thy will that we may walk therein all the days of our life. Again Thou hast spoken unto us; once more Thou hast uttered Thy word, and a friend is removed from our side, a long familiar face is hid from us, and a voice, whose tones we have long known, we shall hear no more. Oh, enable us to lay this to heart, for the message has come with speed, the word has been spoken, and the work done, ere we had almost time to anticipate the doing. And who is safe; who can call even the present day his own, let us not, then, good Lord, boast even in the present hour; preserve us from a mistaken confidence in life, or health, or strength; and let Thy spirit lead us to a constant reflection on the shortness and uncertainty of life, that we may have our loins ever girt, and our lamps ever burning, and be prepared to meet our God. And grant this for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, the God of quick and dead, look upon us who are here in Jesu's name, who seek His counsel, and would have the Spirit's strength. Oh, give to us the holy, the heavenly, the patient sorrow which our Saviour endured, that we may be able with humble spirits to go into Thine house, and to commit to the earth that dear form, which we shall behold here no longer, and to say in fervor and in truth, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." We are in Thy hands, O God, and Thou canst mould and fashion us as Thou wilt; subdue, we pray Thee, our sorrow, and compose us, though we be in grief. Suffer us not to weep as if we had no hope; as if our friend were gone for ever; but teach us that, whilst we have but *him* in time, eternity is before us. And, as we hope that *he* will rise to the resurrection of the just, so enable us, whilst here, to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, that we may rise with *him*, and be at Thy right hand for ever. Bring us now, good Lord, into a fitting frame of mind for the painful duty which is before us. Let not our earthly affections keep us from that submission which must evidence that we are Thine; but, whilst we sorrow, make our hearts to rejoice that our friend is taken from pain, and grief, and trouble, and is at rest. Oh, accomplish speedily Thy work, and take us unto Thyself; but give us patience here to do all things for Thee, that our rest may be glorious, and we may be saved, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, and Advocate, and Lord God. Amen,

EVENING.

LET Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, be now present in our hearts, that we may utter to Thee faithful prayers, and seek Thee with sincerity and affection. Our day is drawing to a close, and a few hours more shall end its existence. Thus time passes; thus our lives speed on; thus eternity approaches, and thus we are, in mercy, warned, "Prepare to meet Thy God." Yet, Lord, the warning, too often comes in vain; because it speaks often, therefore, it is not heeded. And, now, Thou callest to us in another voice; Thou addressest us, as it were, from the grave; and makest the dead to utter forth Thy counsel. Thou biddest us listen to what our departed friend, in *his* silence, may teach, and to what we may learn from *his* solitude. To *him* the voice of pleasure, the call of profit, is now nothing; for *him* no more we put on the smile, or utter the kind word, or shew the sympathizing look. *He* has no longer a part with us, nor can our lot be *his* again. But, a short time, and as *he* is, so shall we be; a few years at the most, and no voice will call which we can answer; no loved tone reach our hearts, no fond look meet our eye. And why then are we loving the world more than Thee, O God; why are we living for time, which is not *ours*, and for things of which a breath may deprive us. O God, arouse us from our deadness, and give us the life which is in Christ, that this visitation may not have been in vain, but that living unto Him we may also die unto Him, and be His and Thine, for evermore, through the Spirit. Amen.

MORNING.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast, from the beginning, declared Thy power and goodness in shewing wonders among the people, and working great deliverances for them, we humbly beseech Thee so to visit us now. Look upon this nation with an eye of pity; see how we are erring and straying from Thy way; how we are giving heed continually to new devices, and new opinions; running in a multitude to do evil; seeking rather the things of time and sense to please and satisfy us, than the good gifts which Thou hast promised to all who ask them of Thee through Christ. Turn the hearts of our Sovereign, and all who are put in authority under her, we beseech Thee, to a prayerful enquiry into their great and responsible duty, as Thy ministers; make them to remember that they are set over us for good, to promote truth and equity, to establish judgment and justice, and to encourage righteousness and peace. Remove every film of error and prejudice which may dim their eyes, and hide from them the truth; give them strength, the strength of Thy Holy Spirit to uphold them; that they may not only plan, but carry out every design which can promote Thy glory, the advancement of Thy kingdom, and the good of Thy people committed to their charge. And give to us all the hearts of loyal and obedient subjects, that, as our Saviour obeyed the law, and payed tribute to whom tribute was due, so we may prove ourselves His disciples, by walking in those His steps, and be a nation blessed indeed, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, our only Lord, and our merciful God, we pray Thee to listen to us, as we cry unto Thee, and to strengthen us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to cry in faith. Thou only canst endue us with that most excellent gift; it is of Thy free grace only that we can believe, help Thou, then, our unbelief, and bless us in this hour, in which we once more meet to offer our evening sacrifice unto Thee. We are only few in number, yet Thou hast promised that if but two or three are met together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Lord, we are met in Thy name; we have come together to worship Thee; give us, we pray Thee, the spirit to worship aright, a due sense of Thy presence, and of the awful sin of desecrating that presence, by allowing our thoughts to wander, if we bent the knee with a heart's preparation; and of the far more awful sin, of coming unprepared. Lead us, ever, as Thou wouldest have mercy upon us, ere we are called to Thy service, to cease from worldly thoughts, and to turn our minds to Thee; to ask Thee, by a silent prayer, to influence us, to assist us, that we may be such worshipers as shall receive the good things for which they ask. But since we know that it is very hard to recall our minds from the world, and its business and pleasures; oh, enable us to make Thy worship both our pleasure and business, that we may find the attempt to forget it as difficult as we now find it difficult to cling to Thee; for we would be saved; we would come unto the rest which Christ has purchased for us, for His sake. Amen.

PETITIONS

TO BE INTRODUCED IN ANY OF THE FOREGOING PRAYERS.

When any member of the family is sick.

AND do Thou visit *him*, who is now prevented uniting with us in this our service, with Thine special grace and favor; restore *him* to health and strength again; and give *him* a firm reliance, now and ever, on Thy mercy and goodness.

For an infant.

I.

BLESS the little one whom Thou hast given to us; may *he* grow up as a tree of the Lord's planting, and walk in the steps of the Lord Jesus all the days of *his* life.

II.

O LORD, be merciful unto that dear infant whom Thou hast given us in charge; let Thy blessing rest upon him. and Thy grace accompany him, to his life's end.

III.

KEEP for Thine own self, O Lord, the dear infant whom Thou hast intrusted to us; enable us to execute our trust in faith, and with prayer; to use all diligence that he may be brought up in the nurture, and admonition of Thee, to the glory of Thy holy name.

When much sickness prevails.

SPARE us, O good Lord, from the pestilence which prevails round about us, and stay its progress, we beseech Thee, lest sinners be cut off in their sins; and let all men see Thy mercy and power, that they may glorify Thee in the land of the living.

On the departure of friends.

BLESS those friends, O Lord, who have now sojourned with us; yea, go forth with them, and bless them. Lead them in safety to their homes; give them health and strength, and embrace them and us with the arms of Thy mercy to our lives' end. And, should it not be Thy good pleasure that we meet again on earth, oh, grant to us a happy meeting in the realms of glory.

In hours of distress.

O LOOK upon us in pity; endue us with patience, increase our faith; and the more the shadows of worldly sorrow or distress accumulate, let so much the more the light of Thy Holy Spirit beam upon our hearts, and guide us, that we may bless Thee, though Thou afflict us.

In times of scarcity.

THOU hast brought upon us a lack of the food of life; and we have deserved the judgment, because we have not aforetime valued Thy gifts as we ought. O Lord, stay Thine hand, in this affliction, and let the earth bring forth abundantly, and make our hearts to rejoice in Thy mercy and goodness towards us, for ever and ever.

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